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Changing Times

At first there were Junior High School Students . . .

"What is the mod system?"
"Six days in a cycle?"
"What's a cycle?"

September came; then June followed.

Change creates more change . . .

The Sophomore Year:
"There is a tide in the affairs of men Which taken at the flood leads on to fortune'"

"I got my learner's permit!"

"Why can't we drive to school?"
"Do we have to read JULIUS CAESAR?"
"I'll never get used to calling it the QSA."
"How much homework can they legally assign?"

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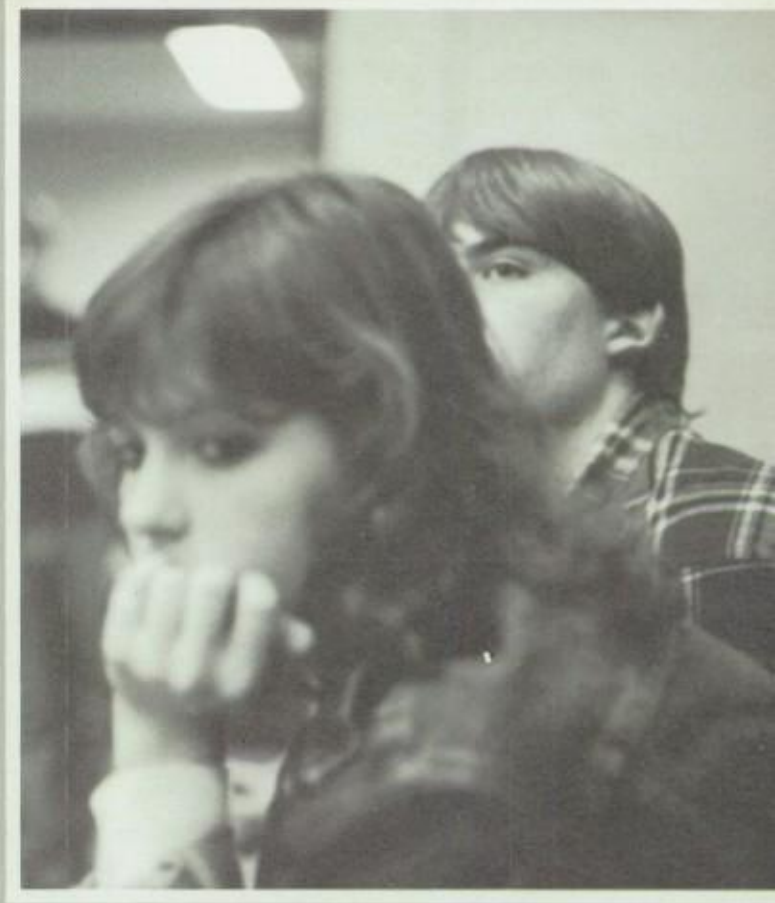
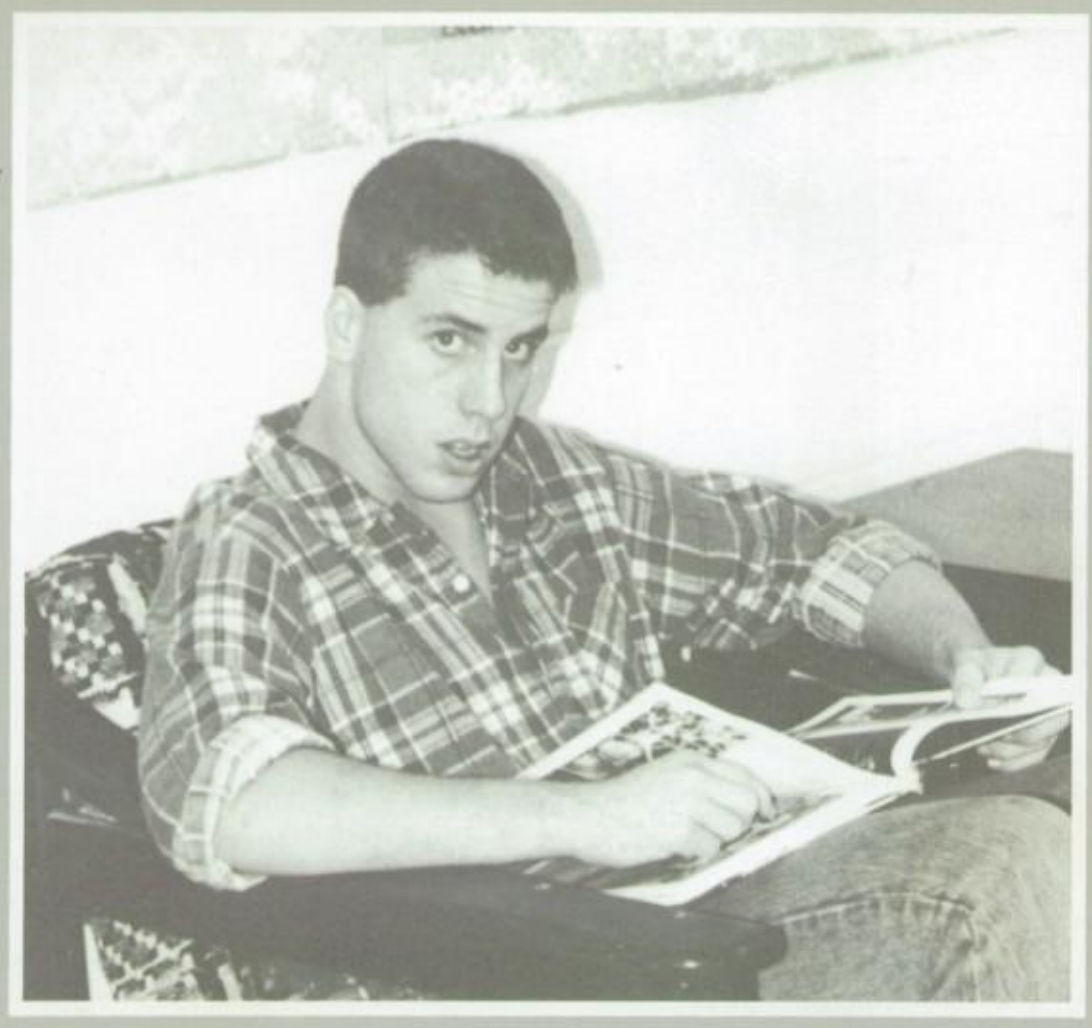
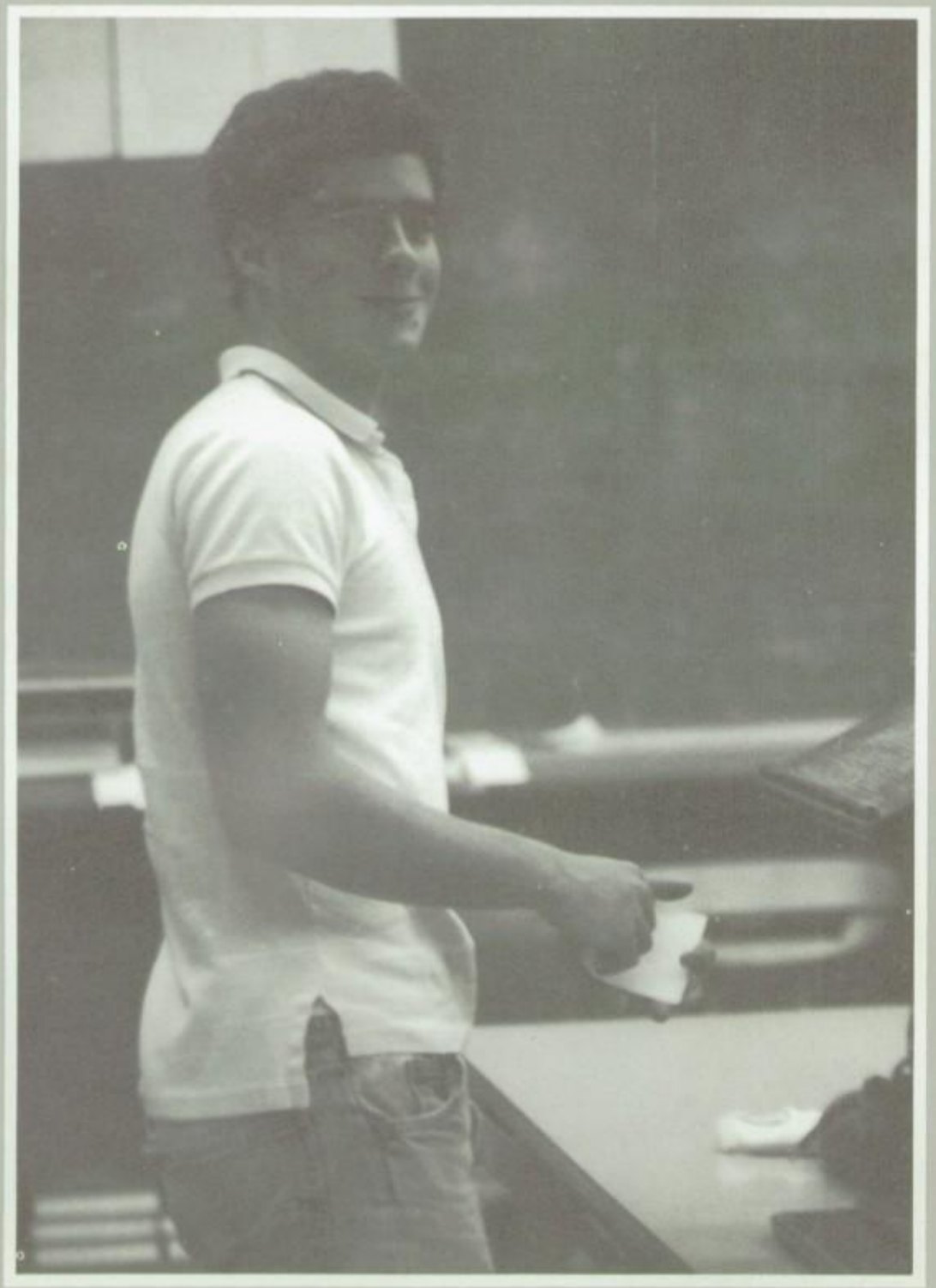
David Bishop, sophomore class president, models Homecoming attire.



Becky Nichols seems reflective.

Anne Battle and Carla Thurston wired for sound.





. . . But then we knew there must be education and the sophomores grew into George Washington High School students. The Junior Year: "To be or not to be. That is the question."

"We're not sophomores."

"But we're not seniors yet."

"I'll never make it through another year!"

"PSAT, SAT, NMSQT . . . HELP"

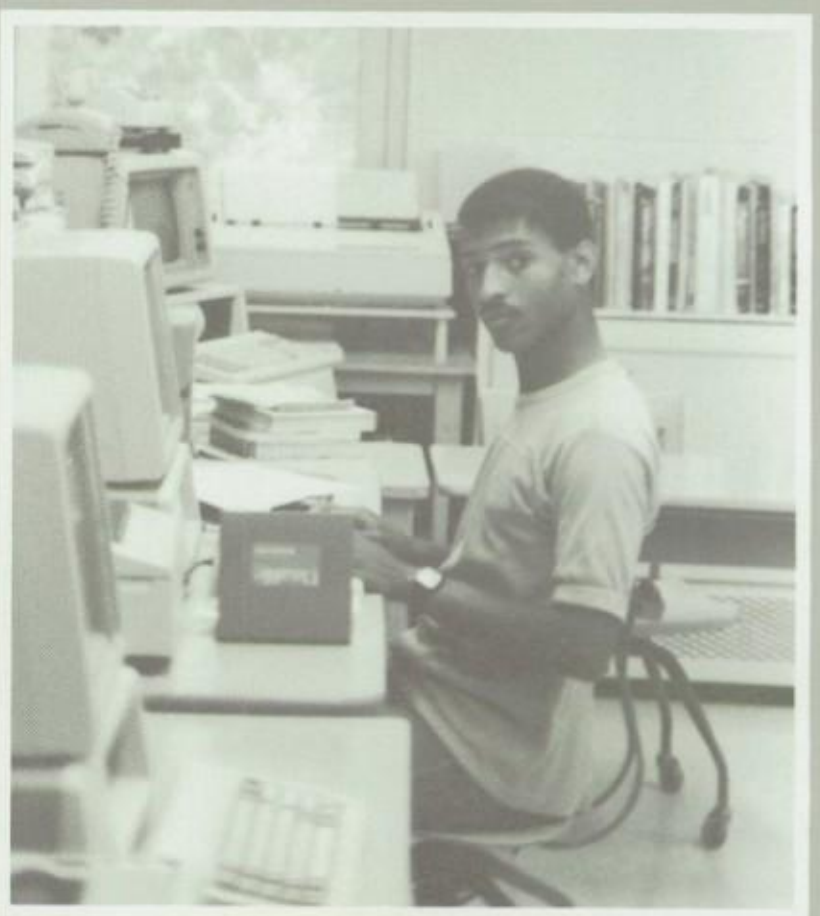
"Meet me in the QSA later."

Above left: Scott Shaffer

Left: Ken Fowler

Heidi Williams with senior Kiran Devaraj

Alan Lewis in the new computer lab.



Lynn Wilkinson demonstrates lab skills.

Bill Knox and John Ray in different uniforms.

Ijeoma, Erika, and Suzanne

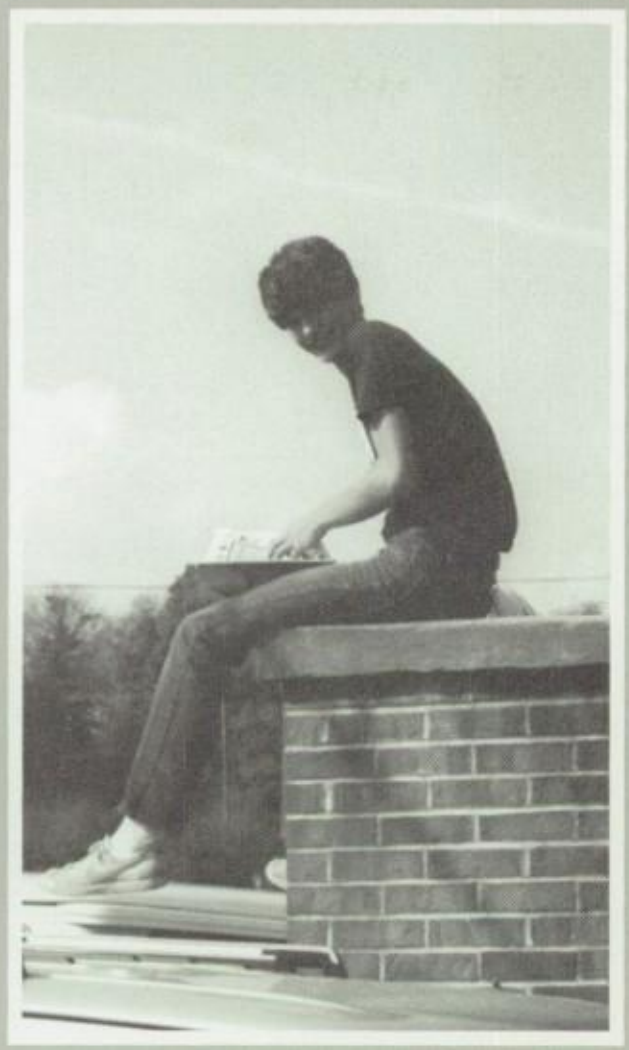
Right: Alex Wright gets some rays.

Below: Jason Smith

Above: Andy, Carol and Frank at the Homecoming pep assembly.

David Moore, Patriot

Ready to hit the slopes!



Changes are sometimes frightening or, at least, overwhelming. Juniors become Seniors and the security begins to slip away. The Senior Year: "It was the best of times . . ."[3]

"Senior Slide"

"I've been accepted!"

"Have you sent announcements yet?"

"We won!"

Prom . . . Skip Day . . . Graduation

"it was the worst of times."[4]

"MACBETH? Are you serious?"

"I have to go to my second choice college."

"The last game . . . "

"Another lecture?"

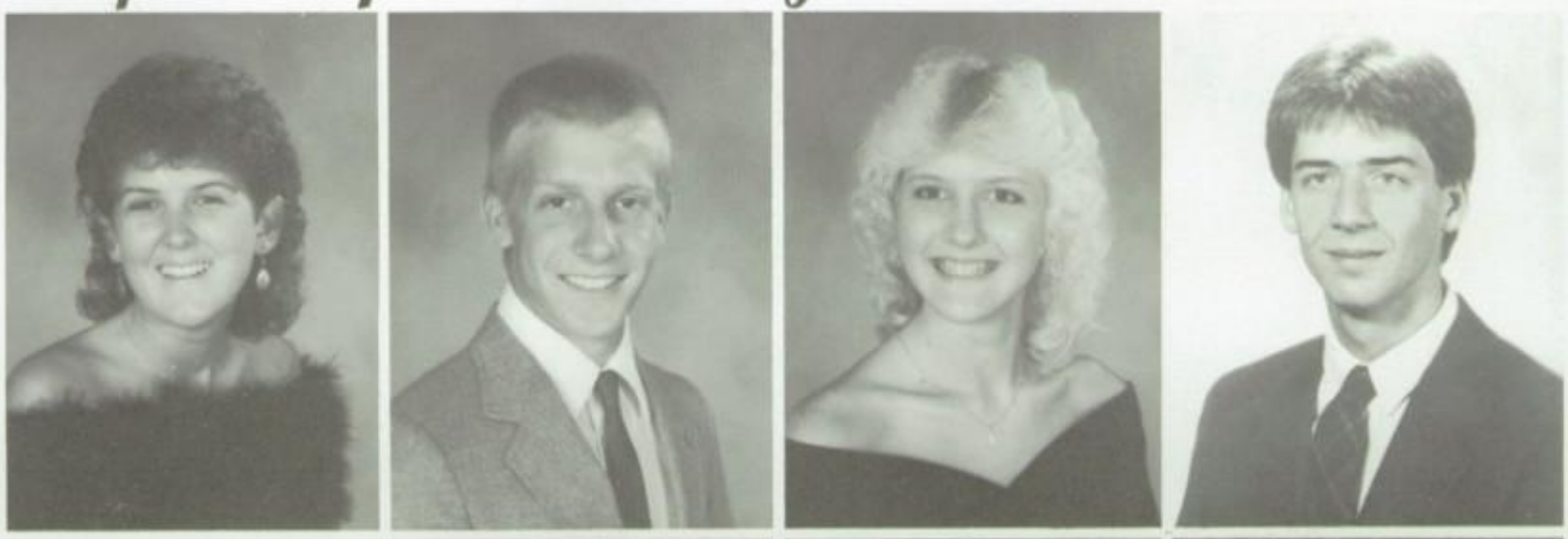
"I'll miss everyone so much!"

Sophomore to Senior — all were our times at George Washington High School.

[1] *JULIUS CAESAR*
[2] *HAMLET*
[3] *Dickens, A TALE OF TWO CITIES*

PATRIOT LIFE

Seniors Prepare for Change



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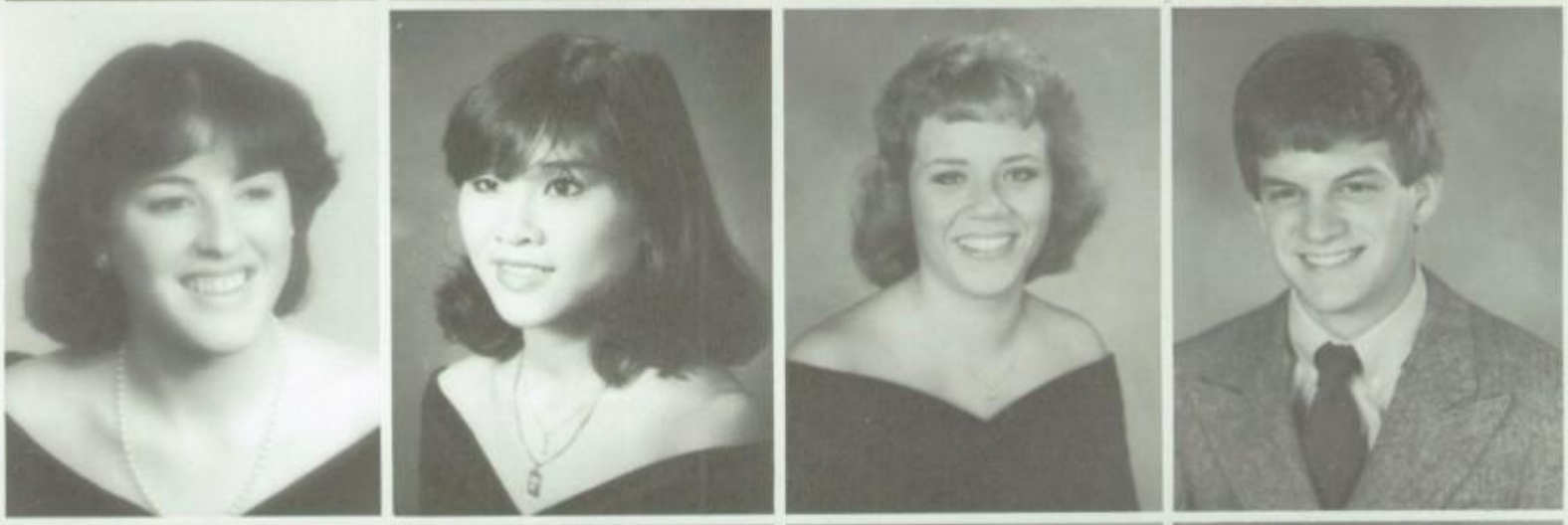

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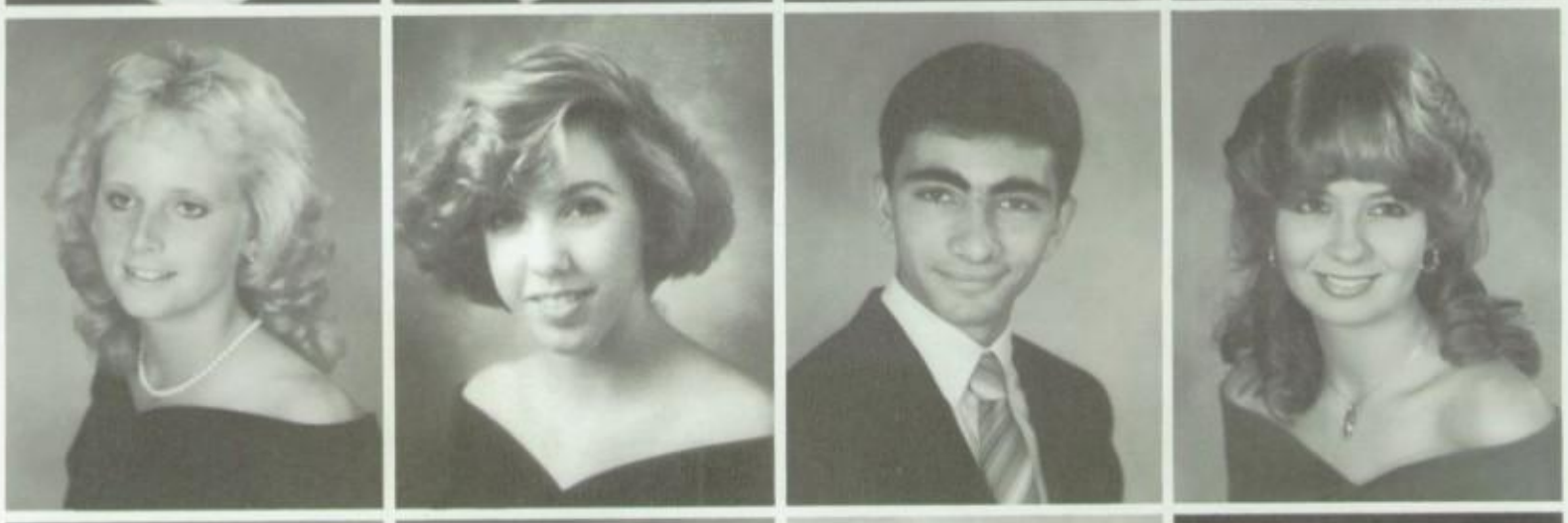

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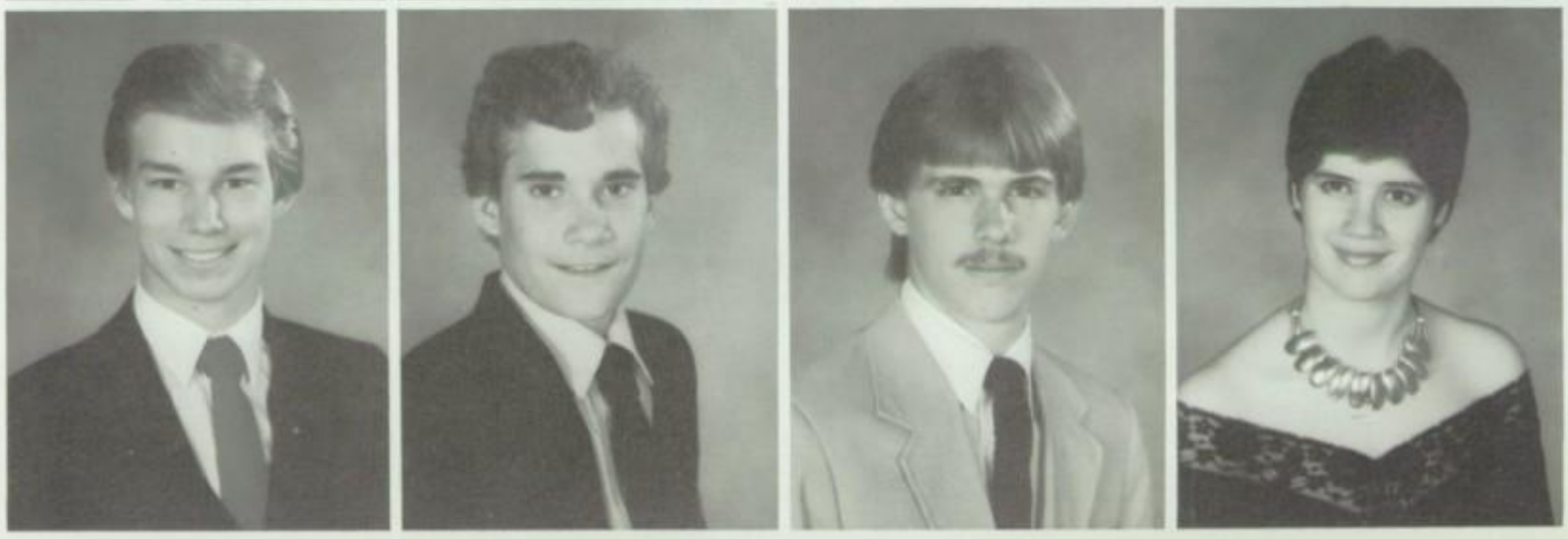

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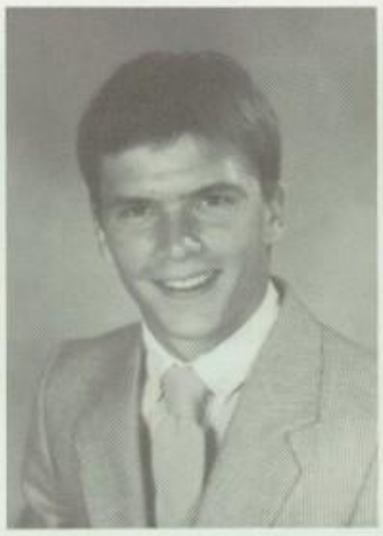

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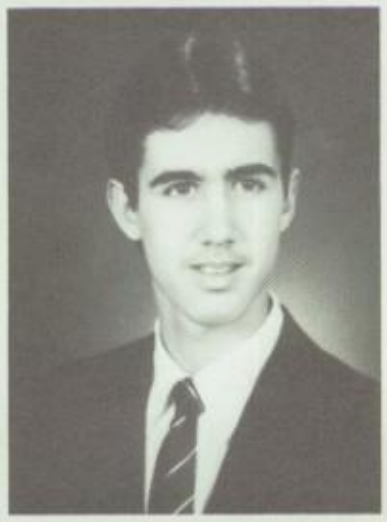

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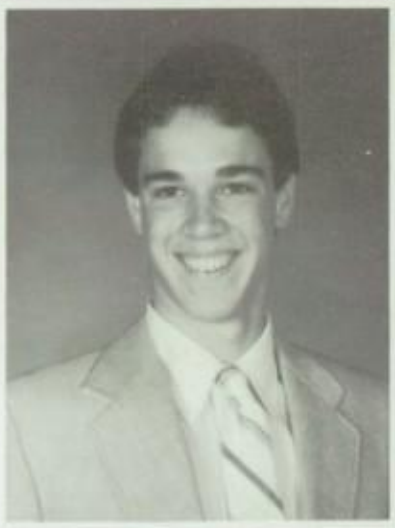

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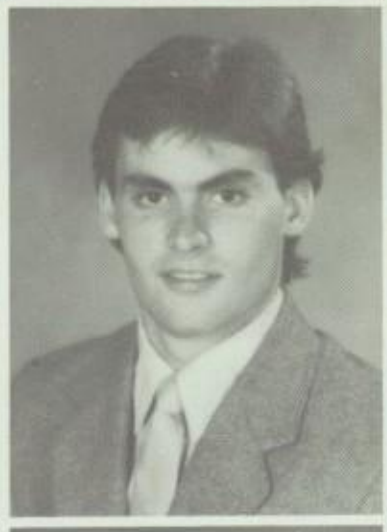

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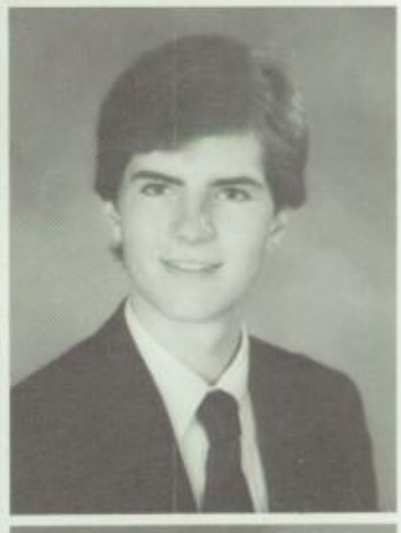

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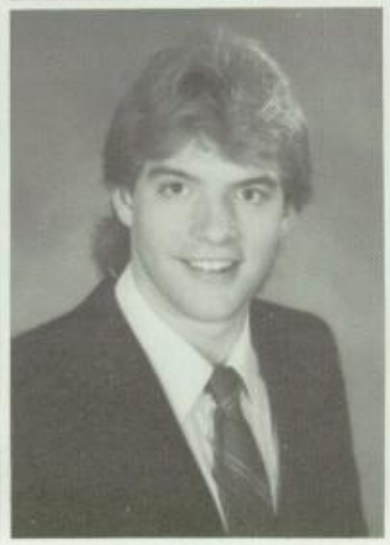

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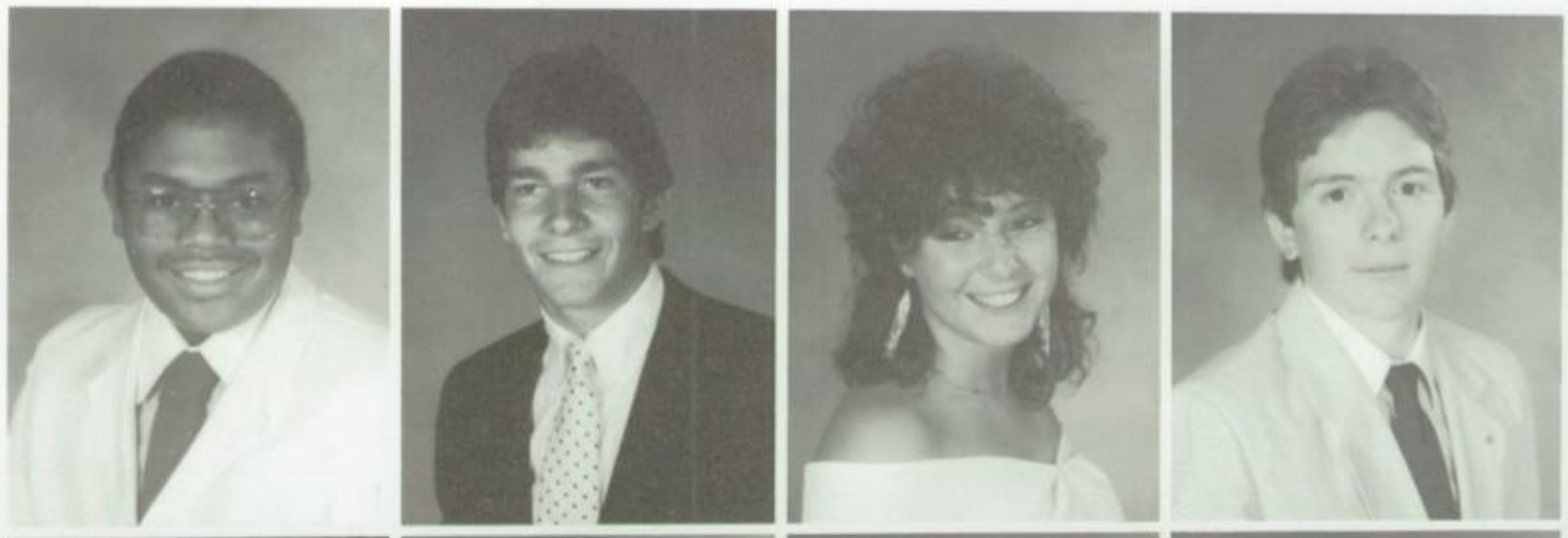

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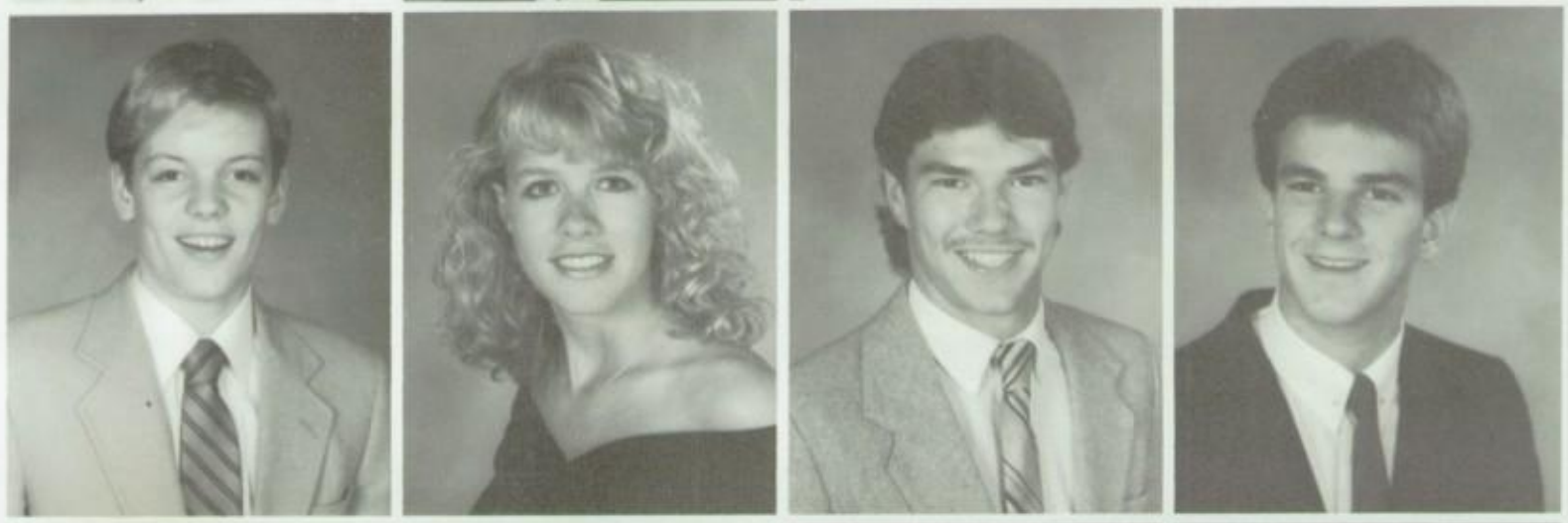

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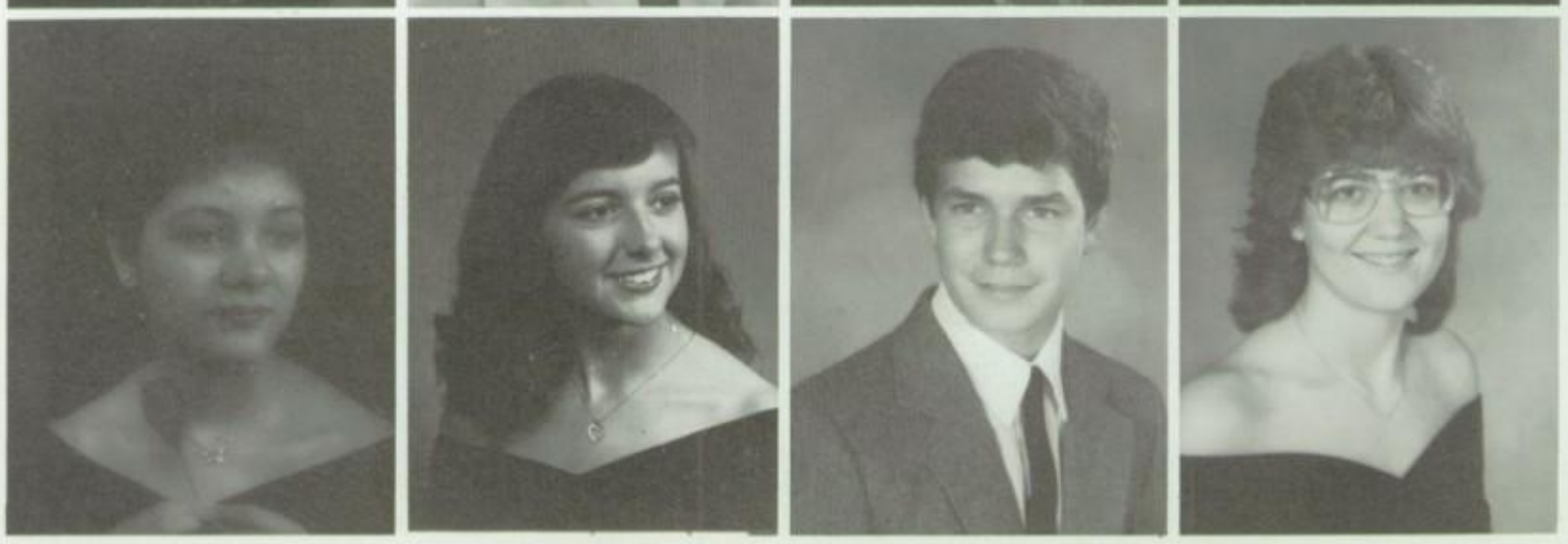

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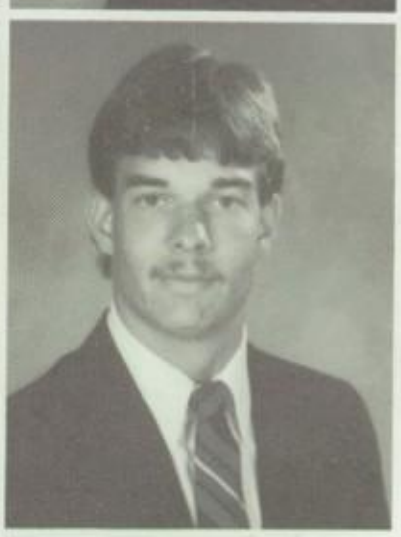

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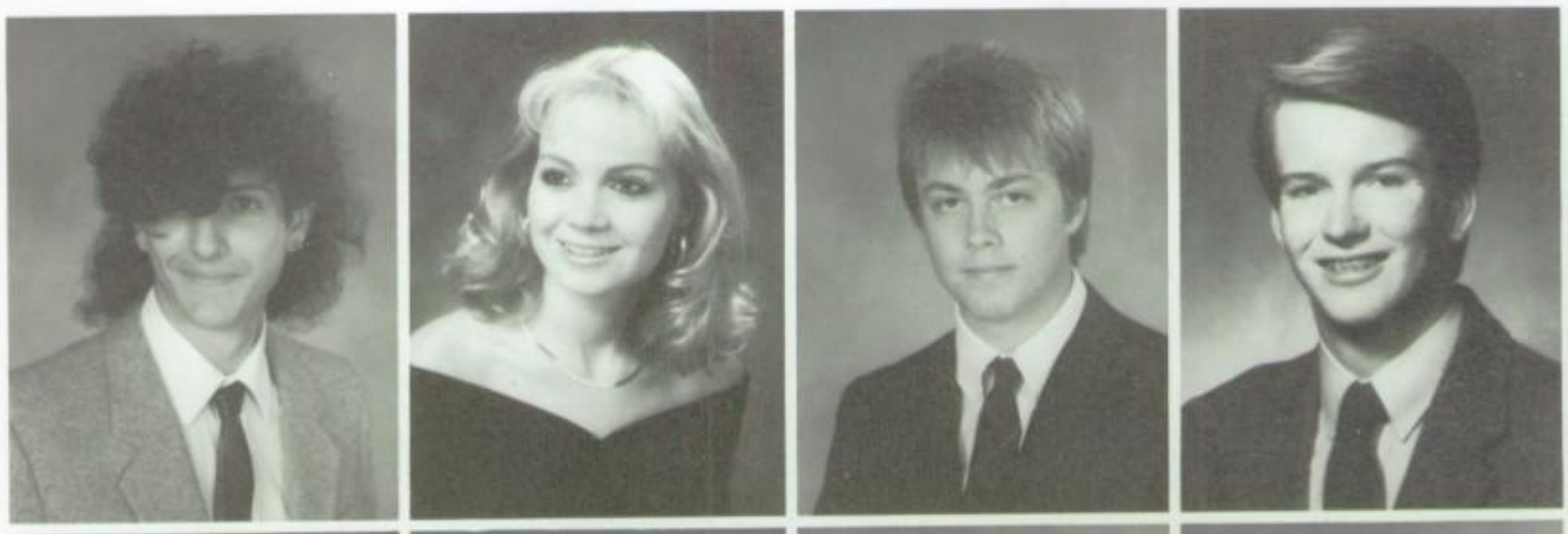

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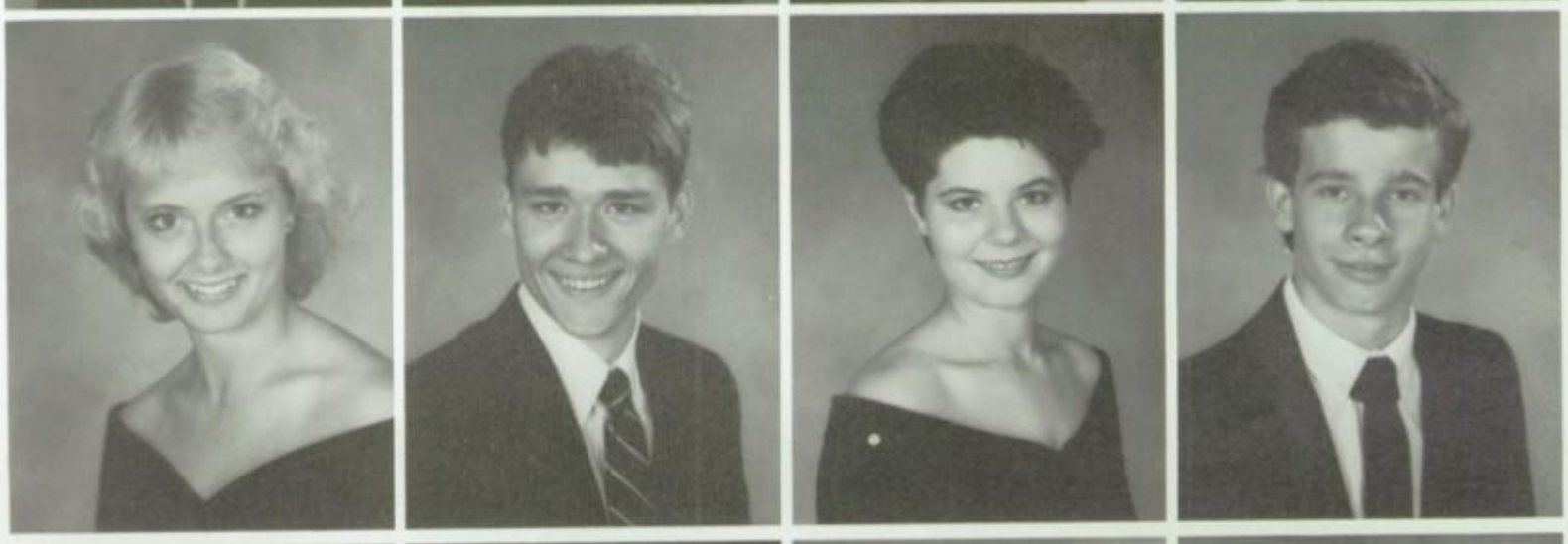

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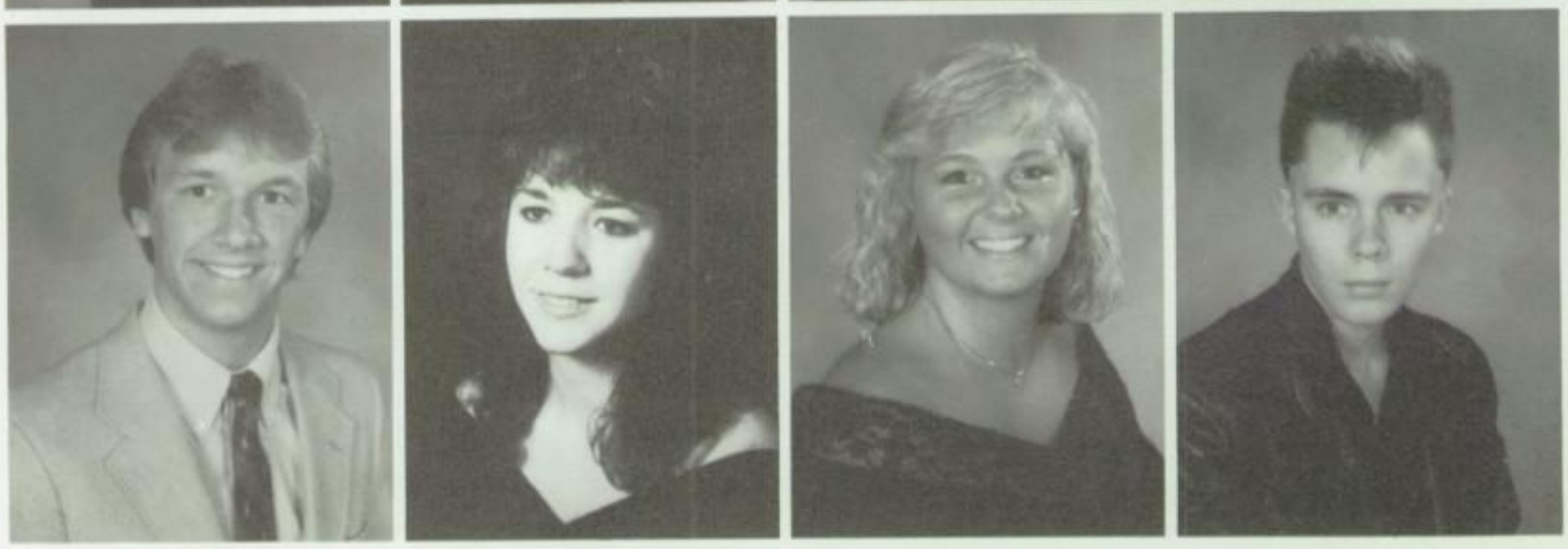

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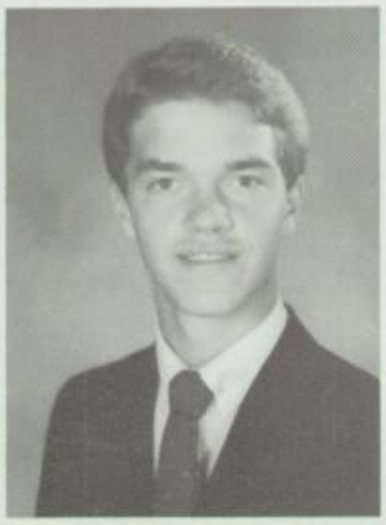

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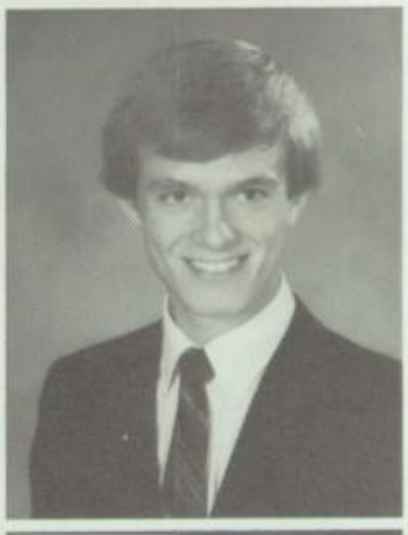

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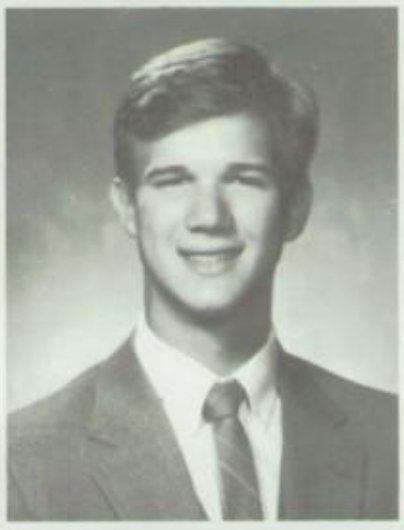

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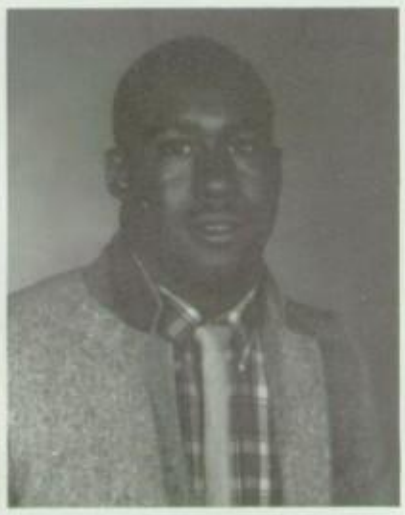

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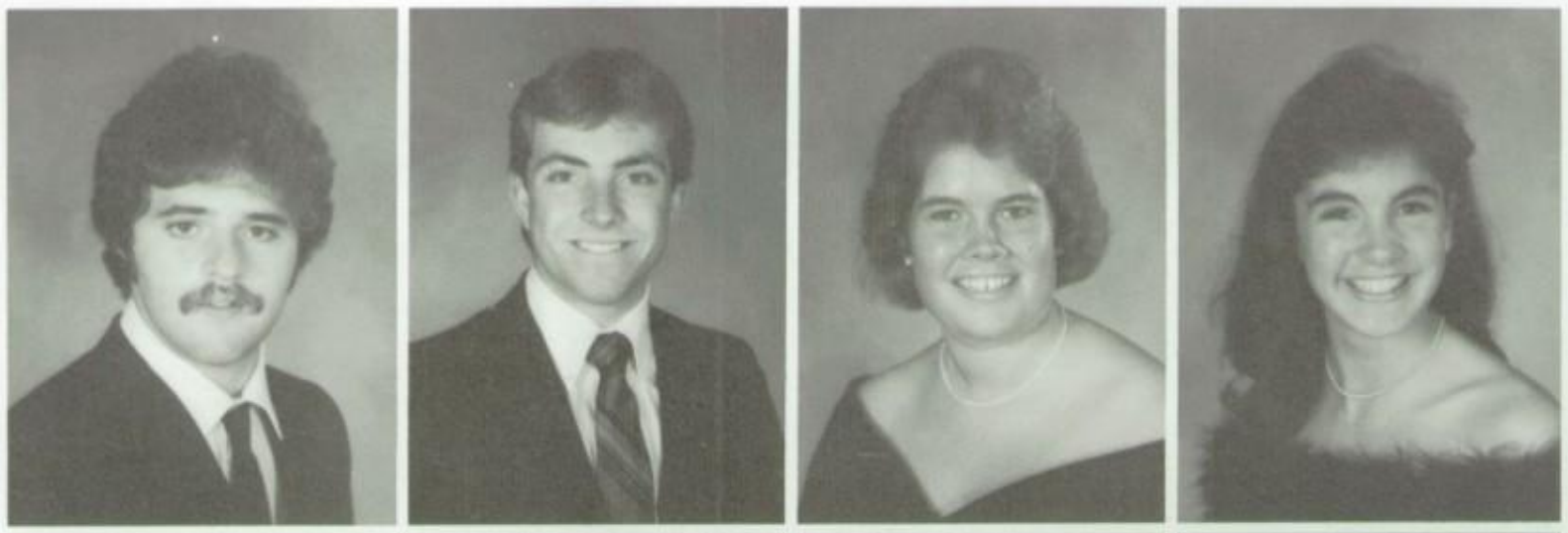

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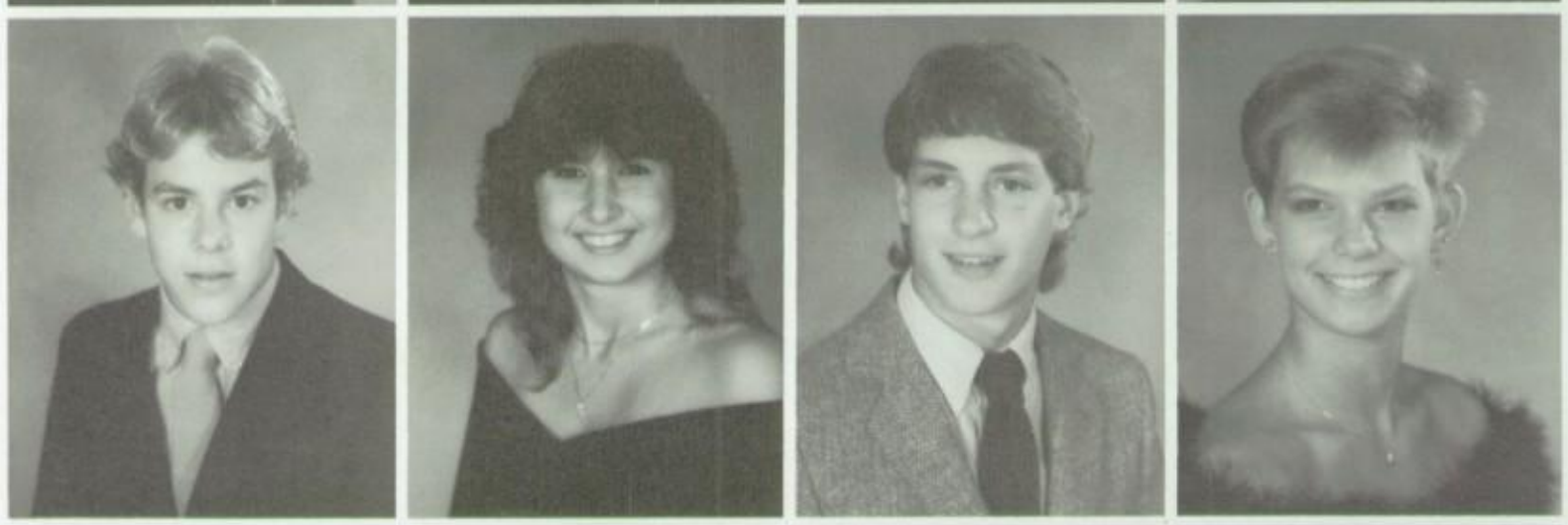

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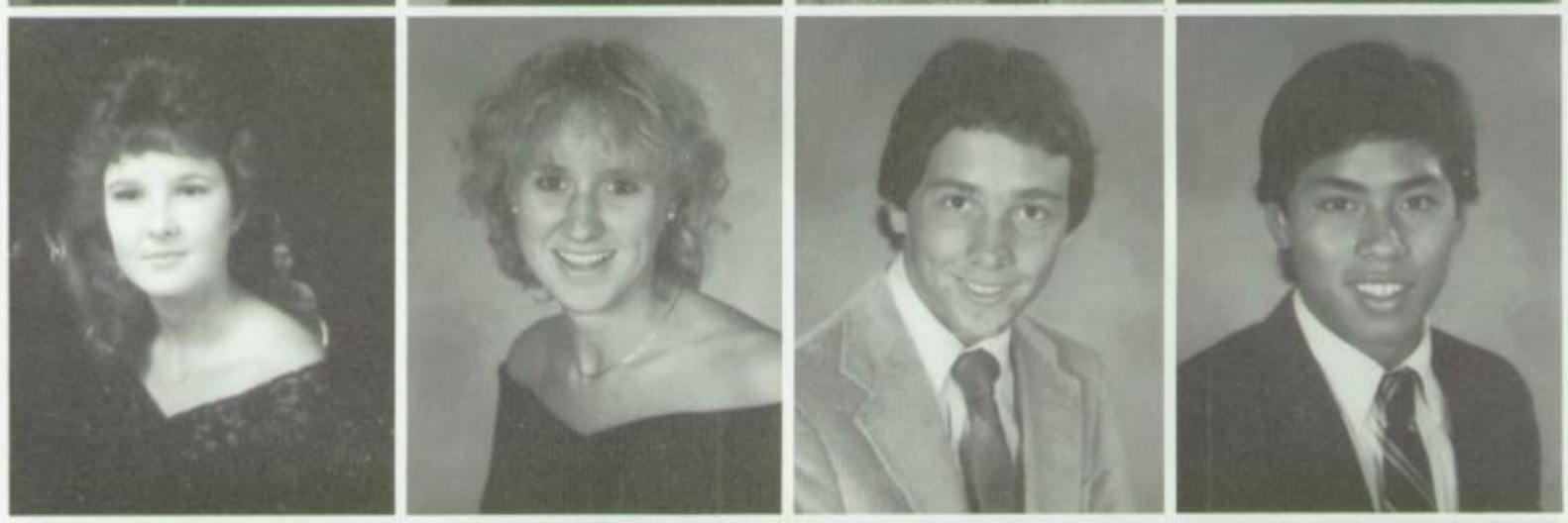

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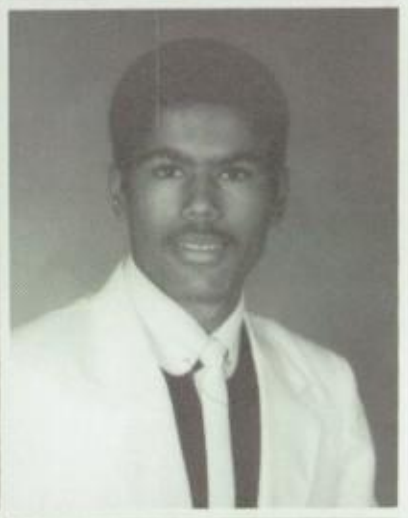

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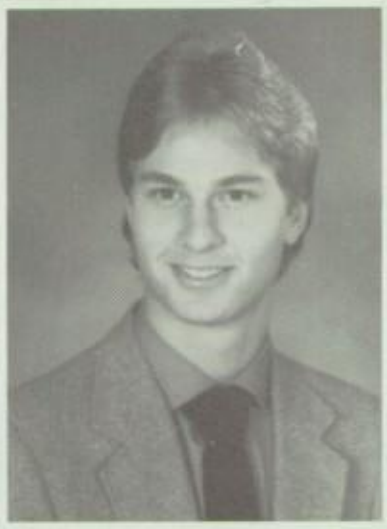

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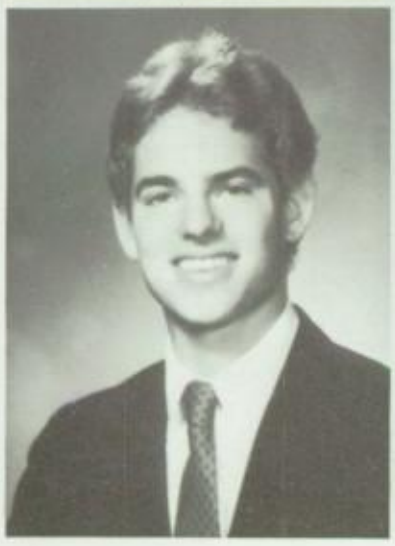

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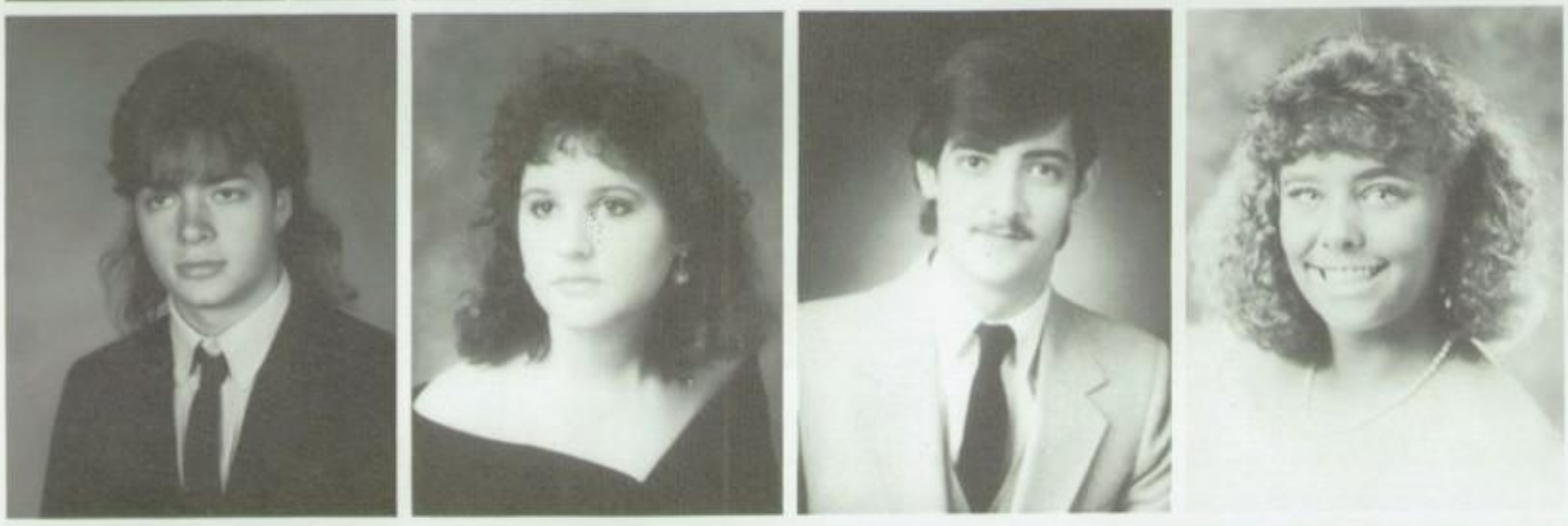

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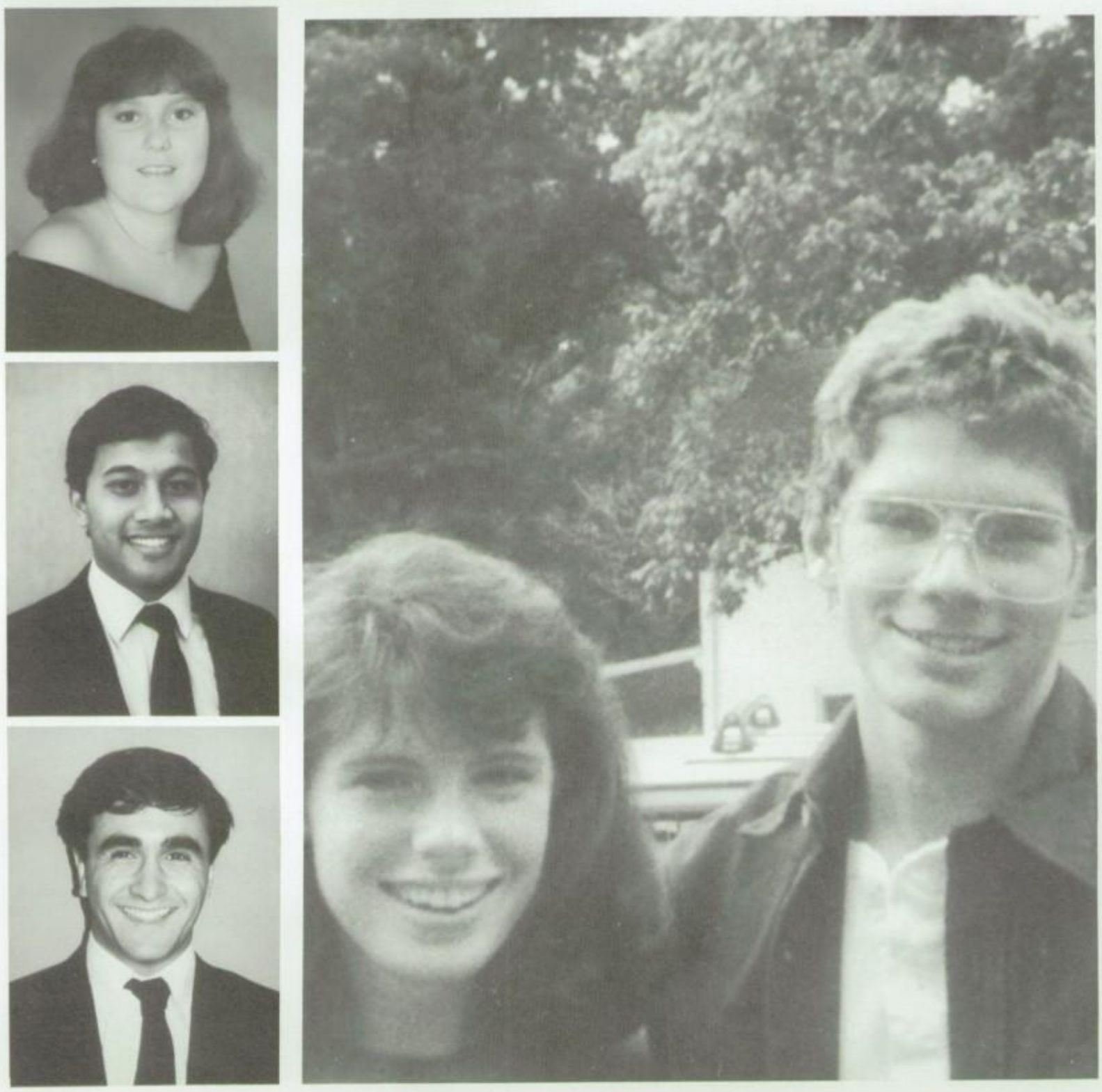

Kiran Devaraj

Juan Irunguay

World Champion Problem Solvers

Sara, Shawn, Sheri, Julie, and John

Returning with the first place trophy from the International Future Problem Solving Conference were seniors Sara Stalnaker, Shawn Copeland, Sheri McKown, Julie Rucker, and John Warren. The competition was held at the University of Michigan — Ann Arbor. Sheri placed third in the individual competition; there were 800 students and 36 senior teams at the conference.

The problem presented concerned animal to human organ transplants in the year 2006. Mrs. Strickland, sponsor, said that the solutions the teams devise are judged on fluency, flexibility, originality, quality of ideas, research, and humaneness. Mrs. Belt also traveled with the team.

Juniors Cope With Change

Robert Abbott
Jonathan Akers
Vicki Anderson
Scott Ashworth
Mark Avampato
Terri Ball

Mari Balow
Brian Barron
Brian Bartley
Christina Bassett
Bradford Baylor
Christine Bell

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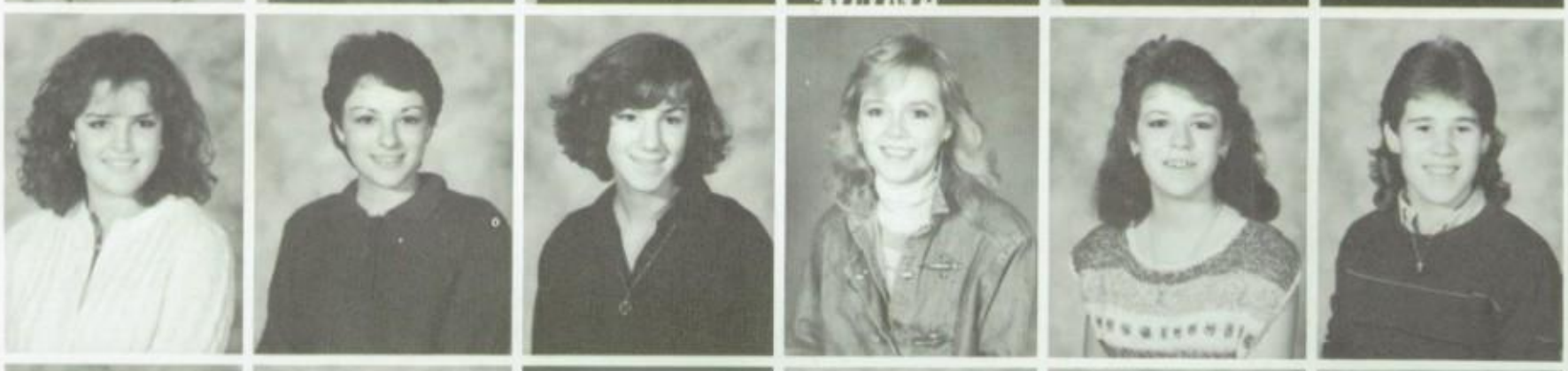

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Tierney Davis
Jason Dean
Timmy Dean
Tom Doumaux
Leah Eddy
Azuka Egbuniwe

Greg Eidell
Robert Evans
Craig Farmer
Paul Fee
Michelle Fields
Melonee Fletcher

Quin Flint
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Jay Friedman
Winnie Fuller
Erin Gaal
Quint Gage

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David Goldberg
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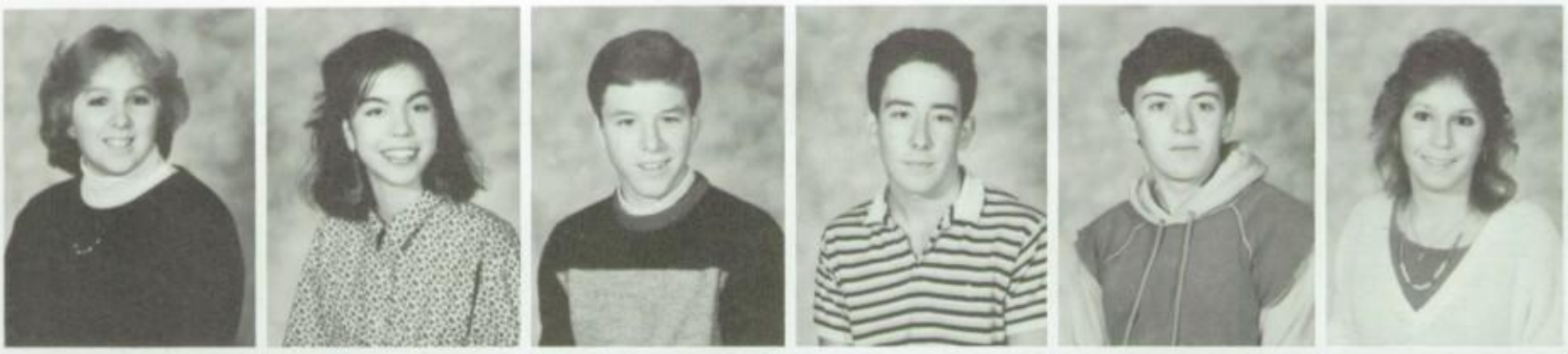

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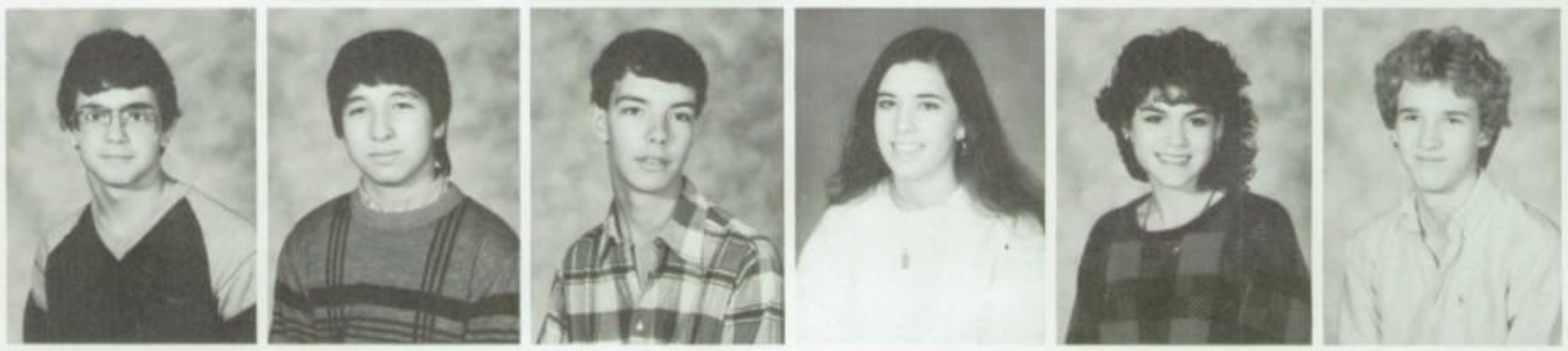

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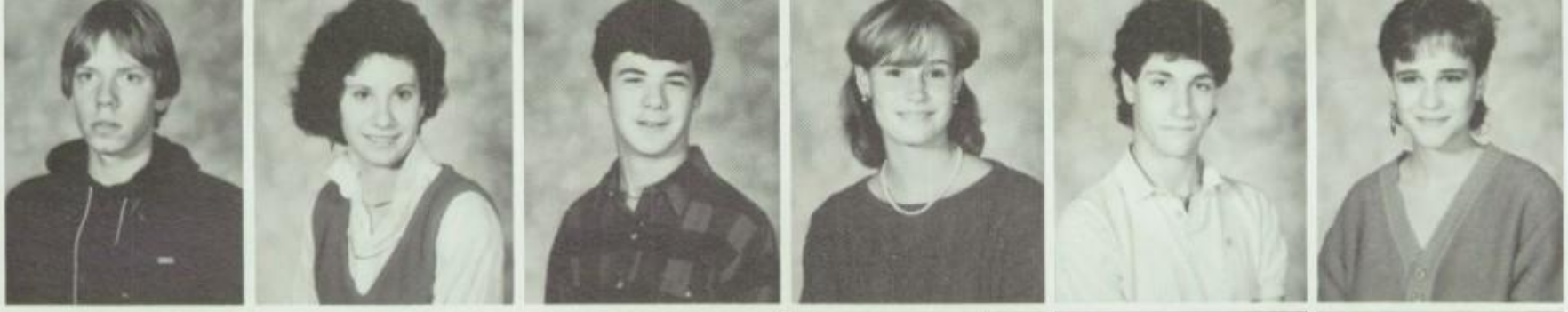

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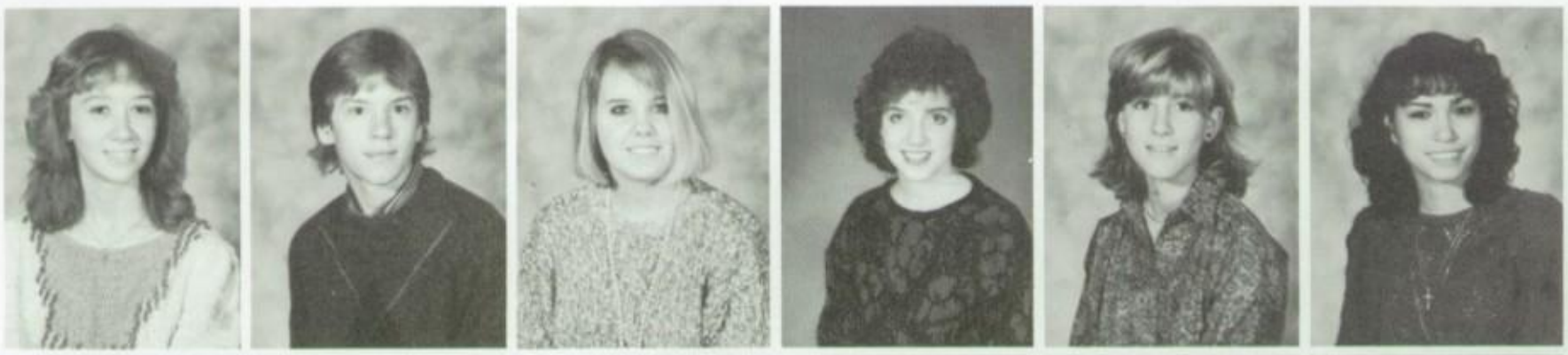

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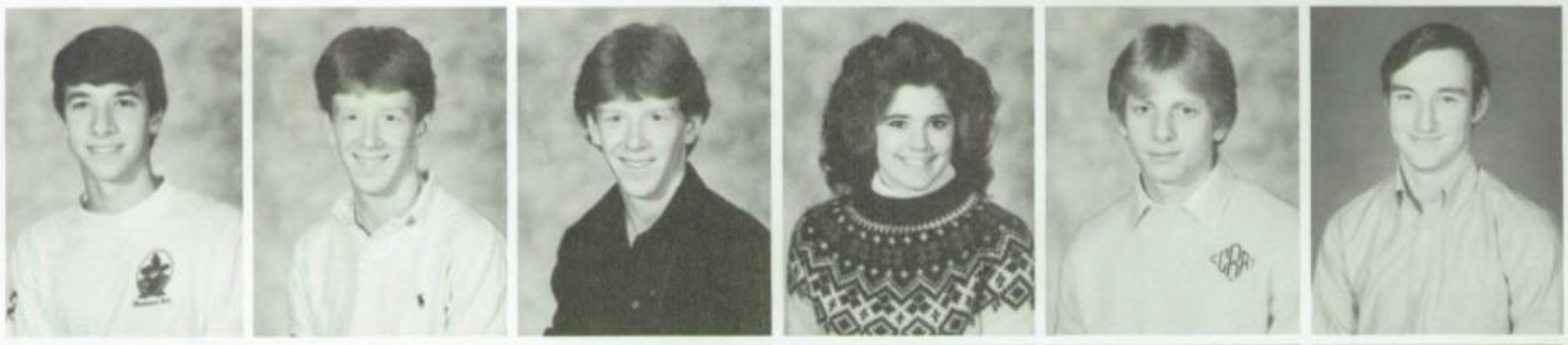

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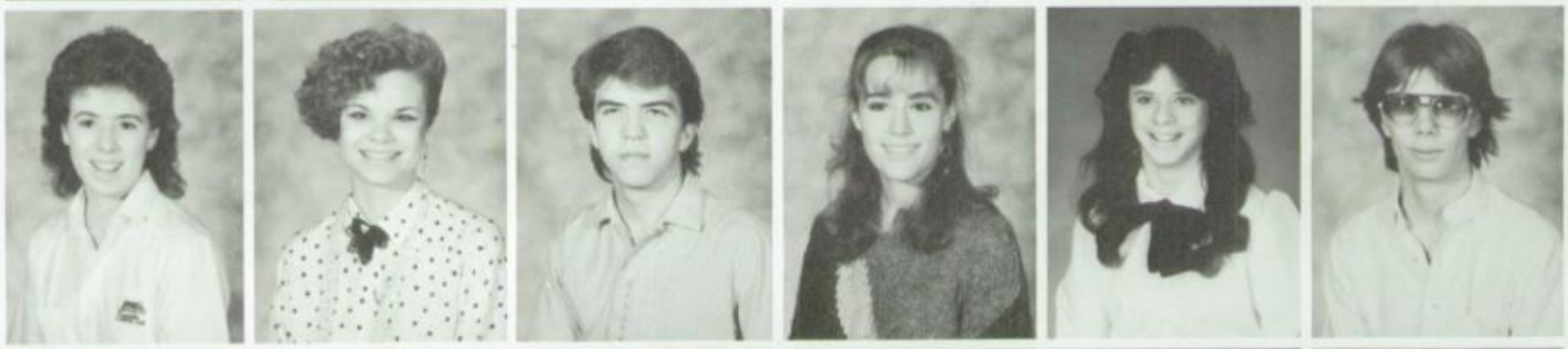

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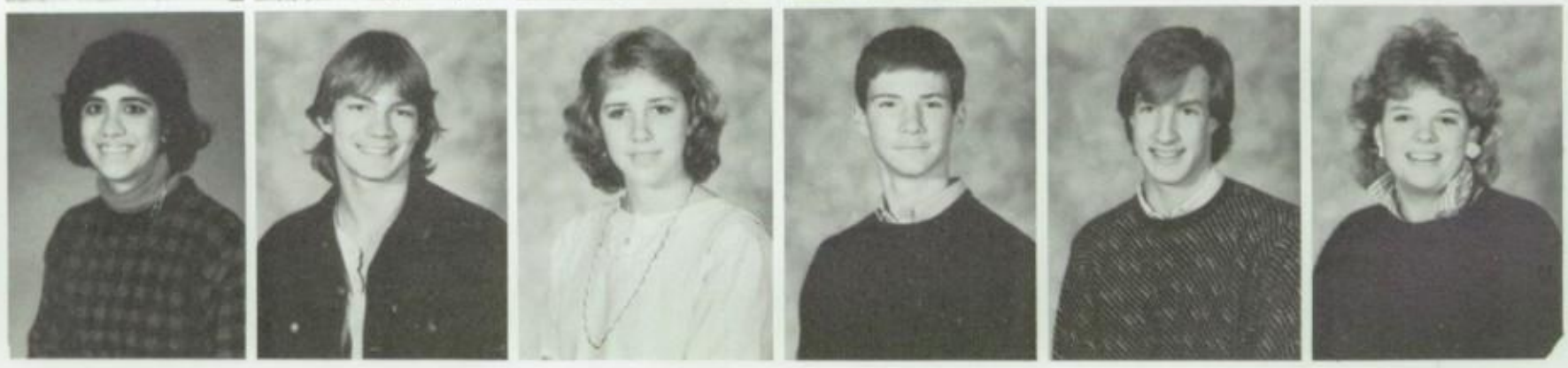

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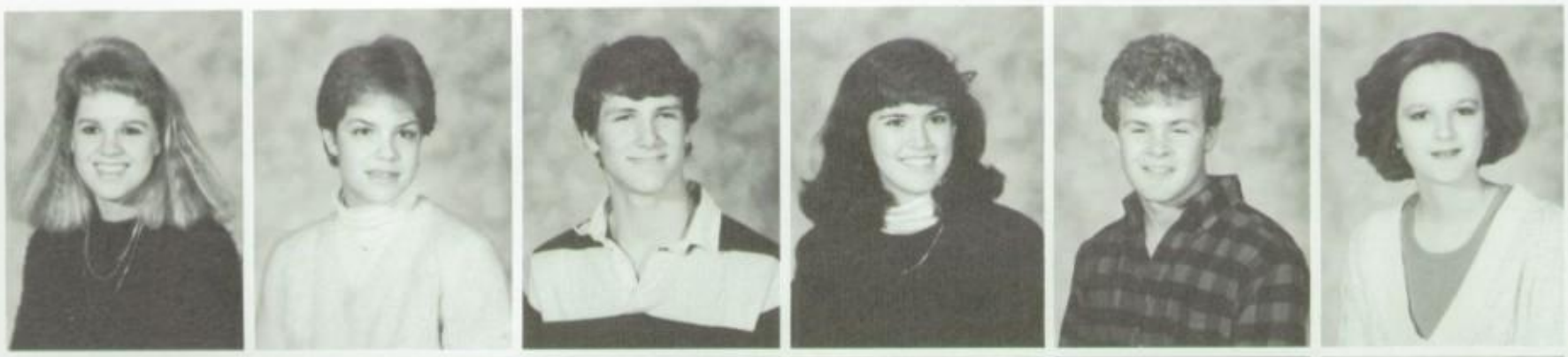

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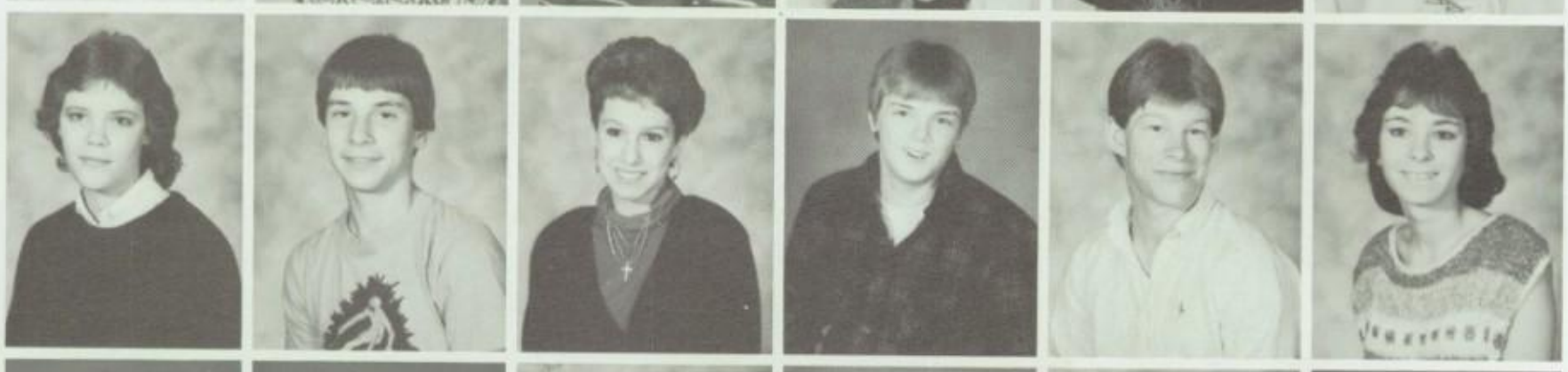

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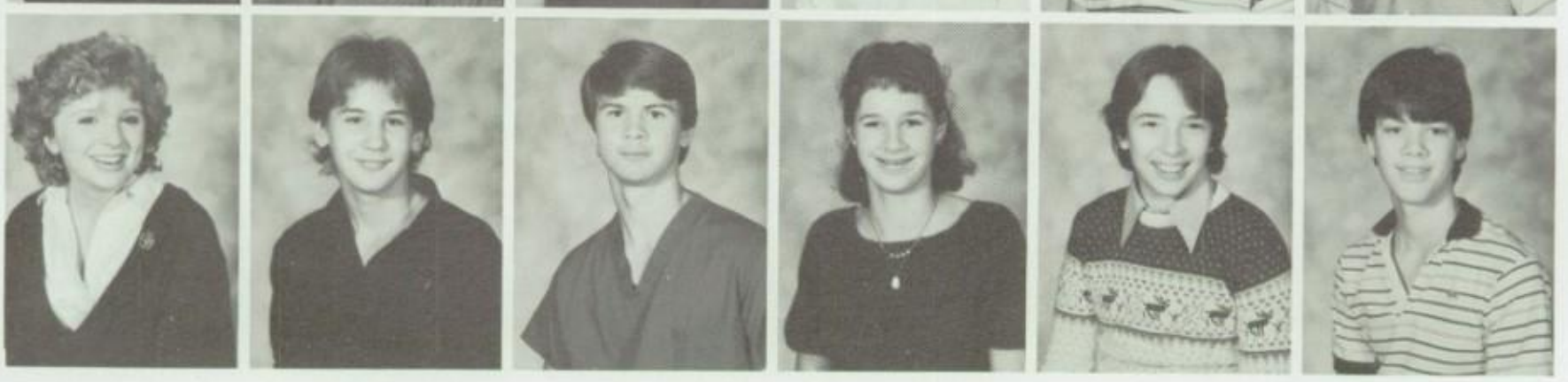

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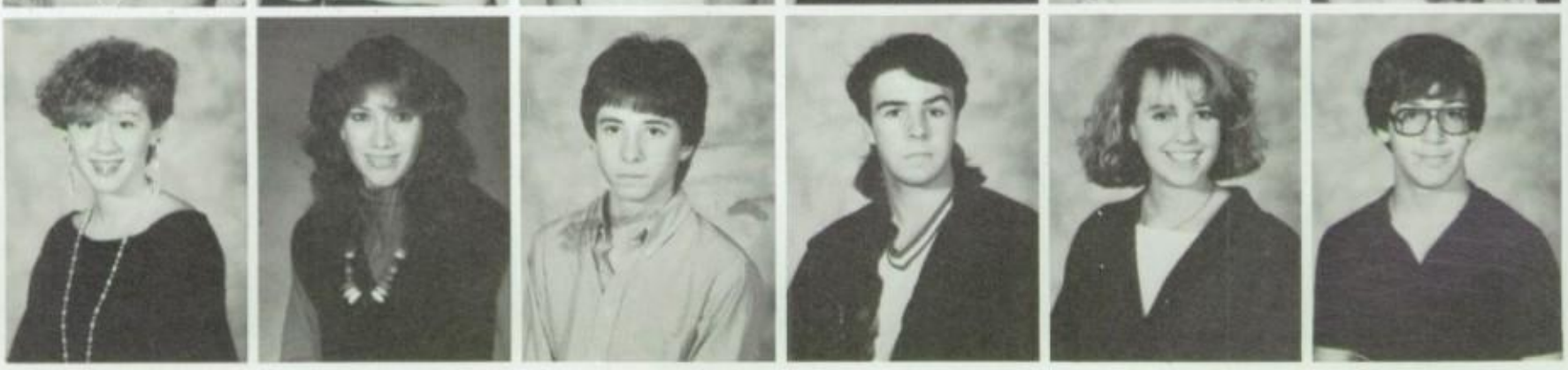

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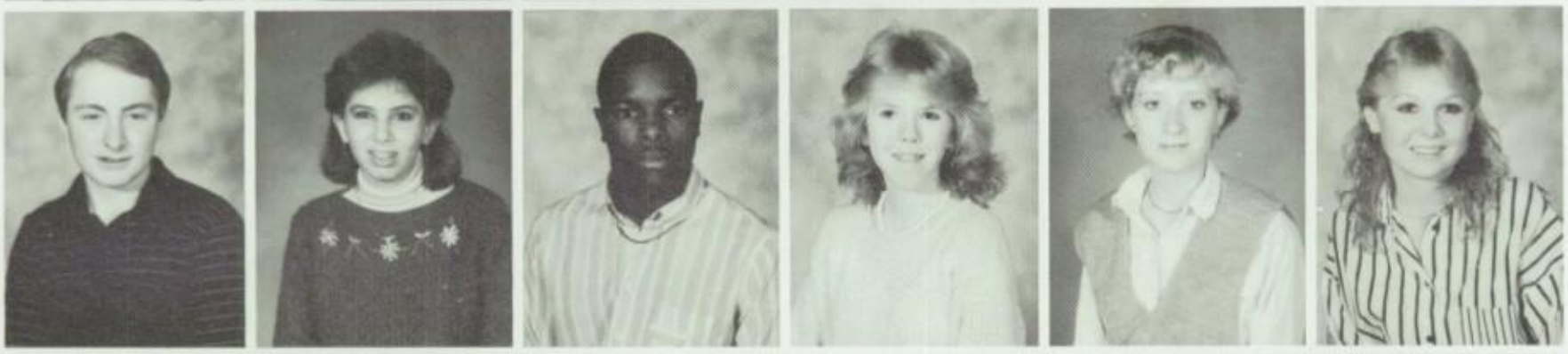

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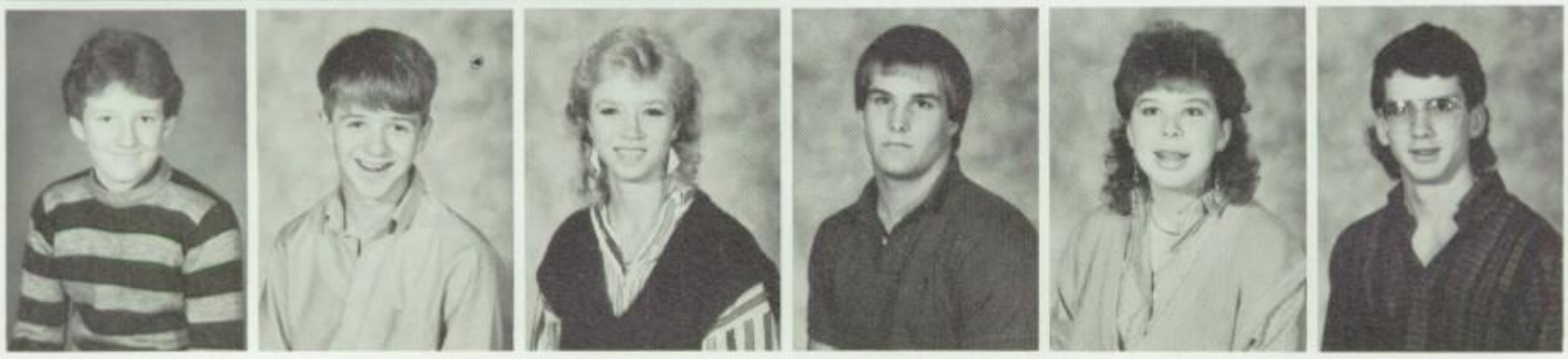

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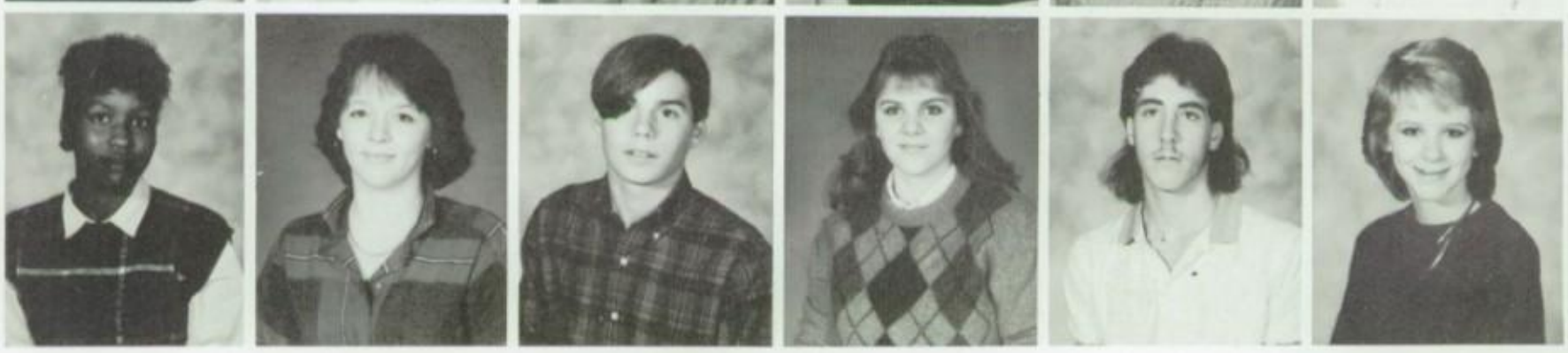

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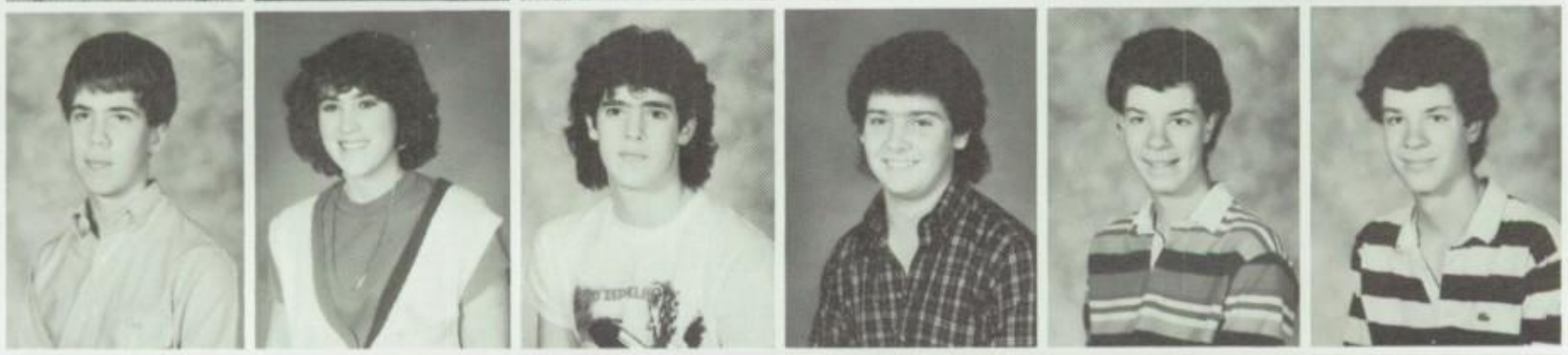

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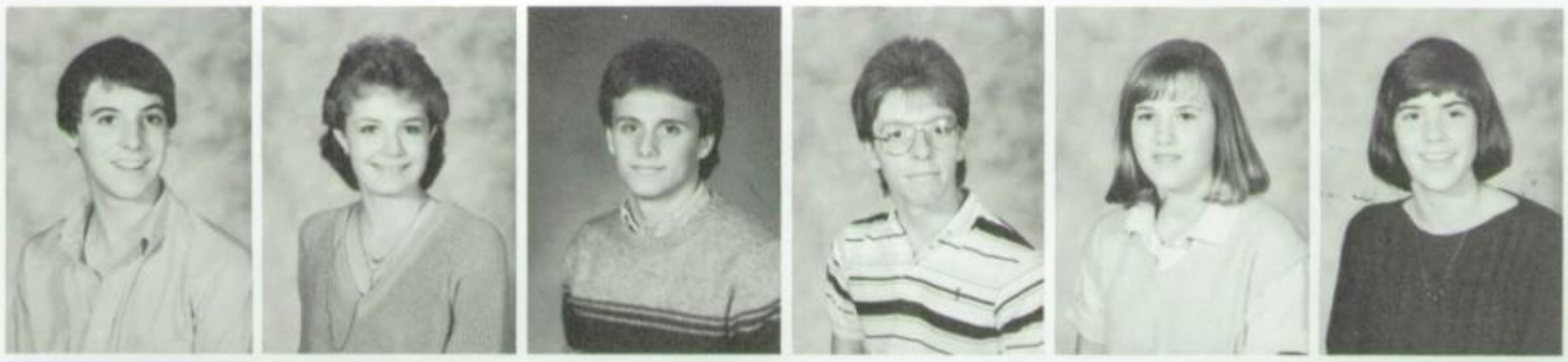

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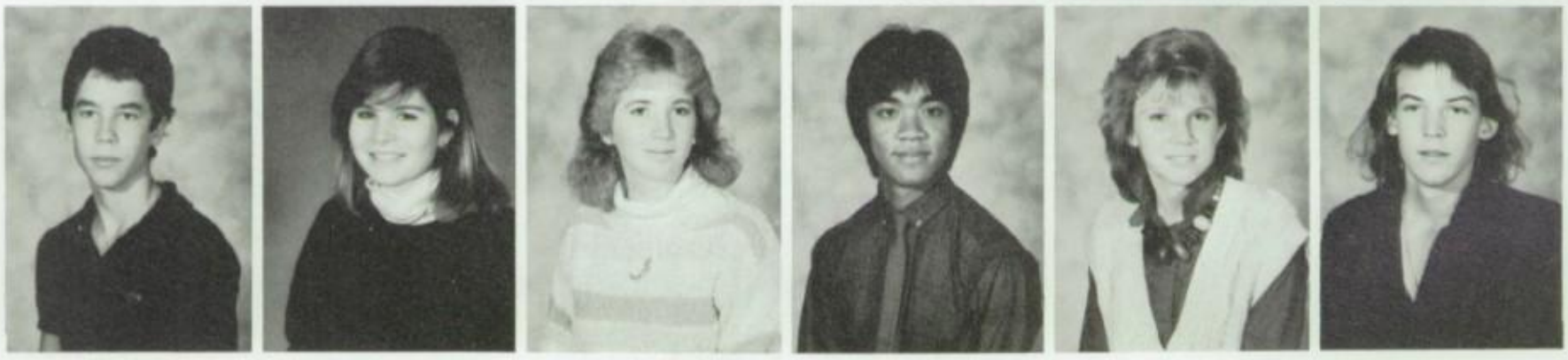

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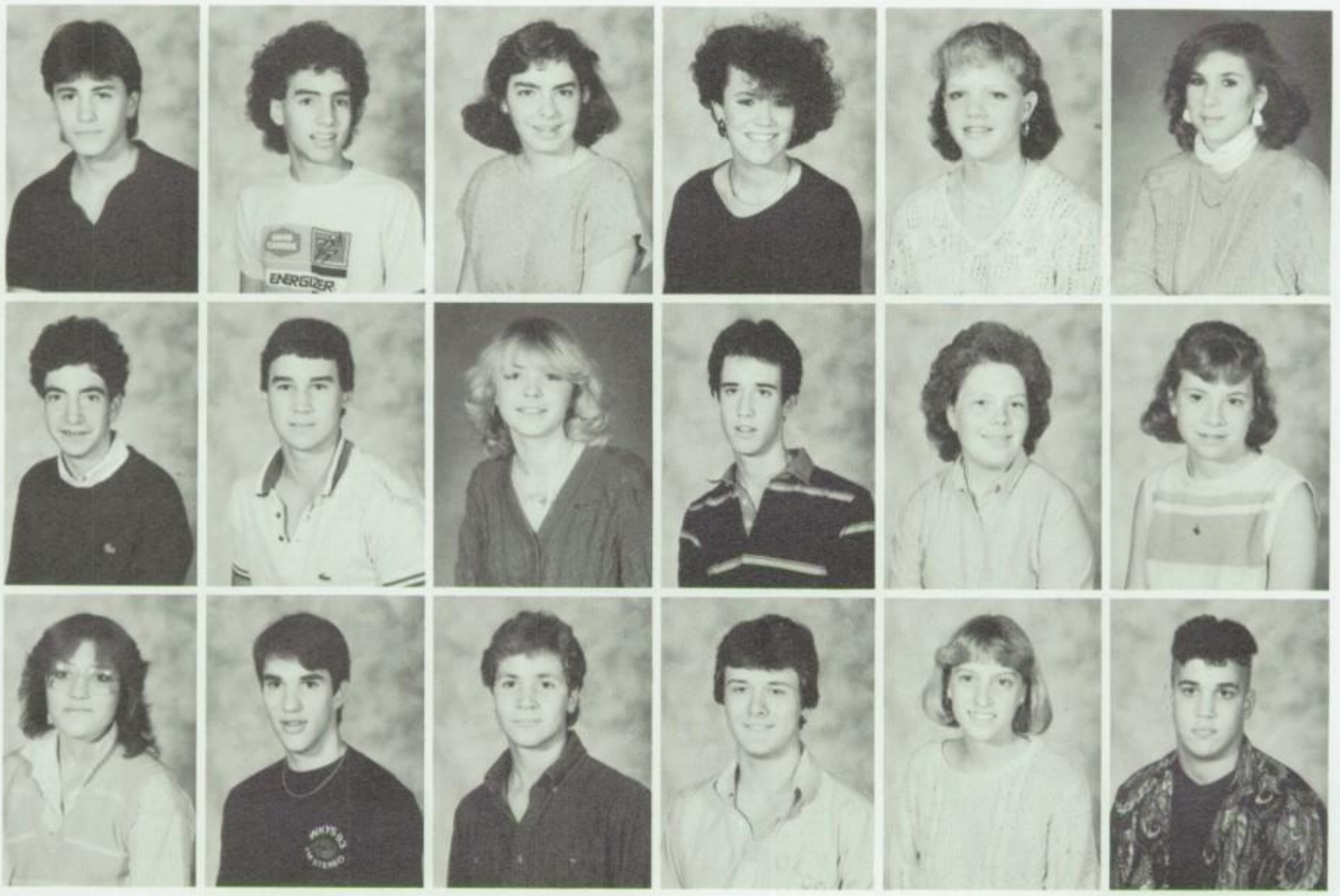

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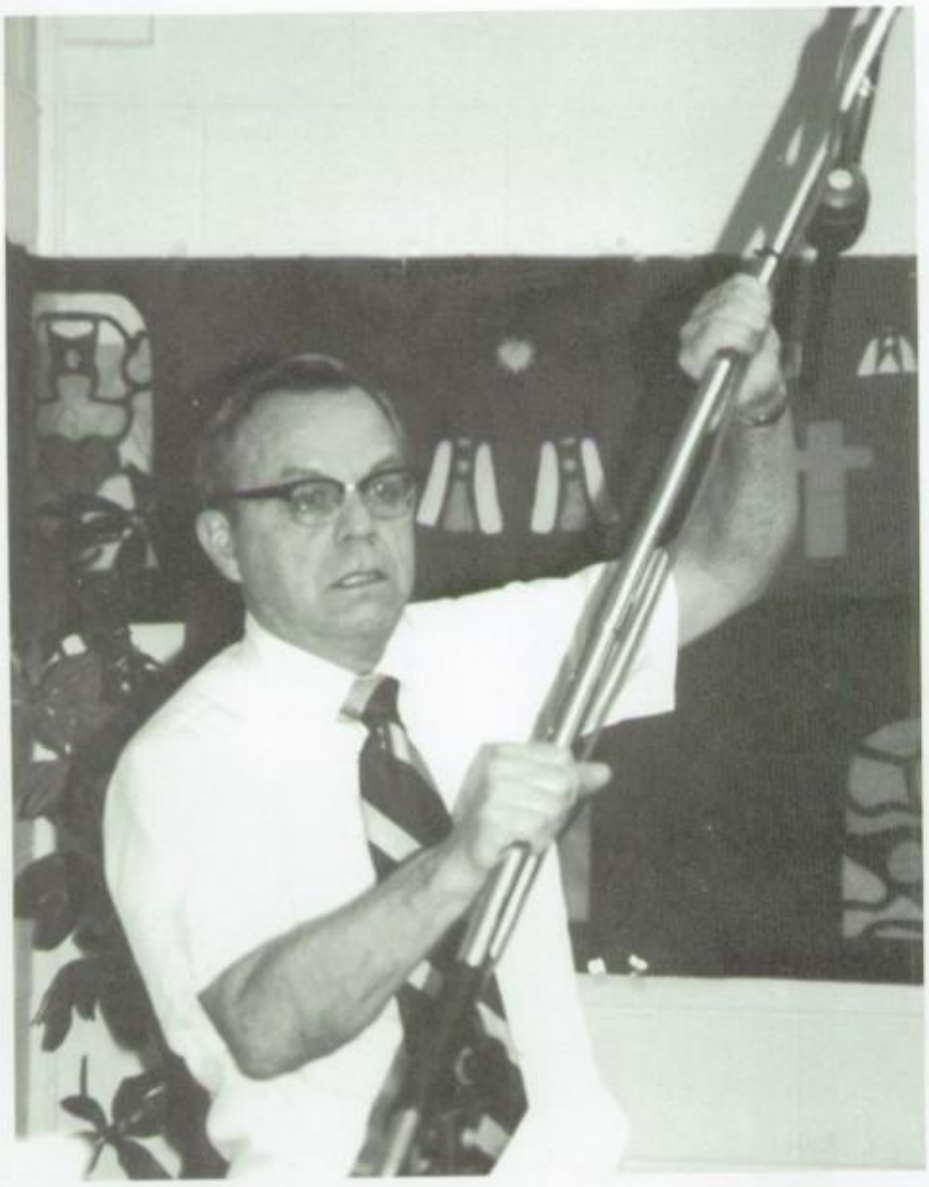
Some Faces are Constant

Mrs. Jones - English 10 and 11



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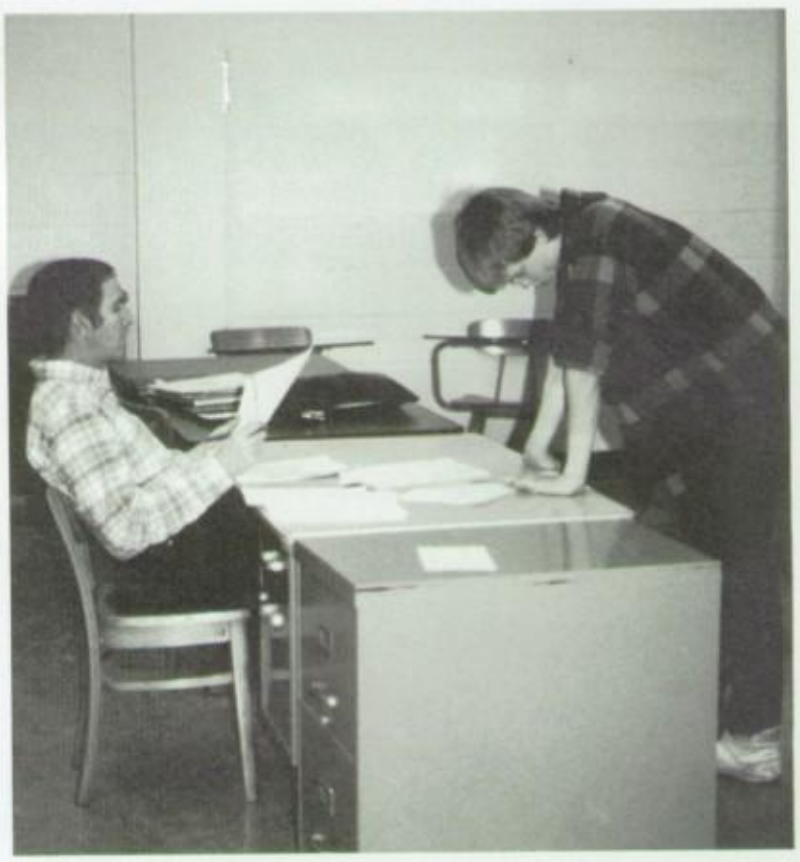


Mr. Hundley helps Mike Grady.

Mr. Hindle - Librarian

Mr. Moore and sophomore Lisa Conrad examine slide.

Miss Hayslett - English

Mr. Devol - Drivers Ed.

Ms. Knapp - English

Mrs. Thompson - Business

Mrs. McClanahan

Mrs. Phillips

Mrs. Stogden - Practical Arts

Connie Cottle Huffman

Mrs. Belt - Gifted Ed.

Mrs. Cummings - Math

Mrs. Terry - Cook

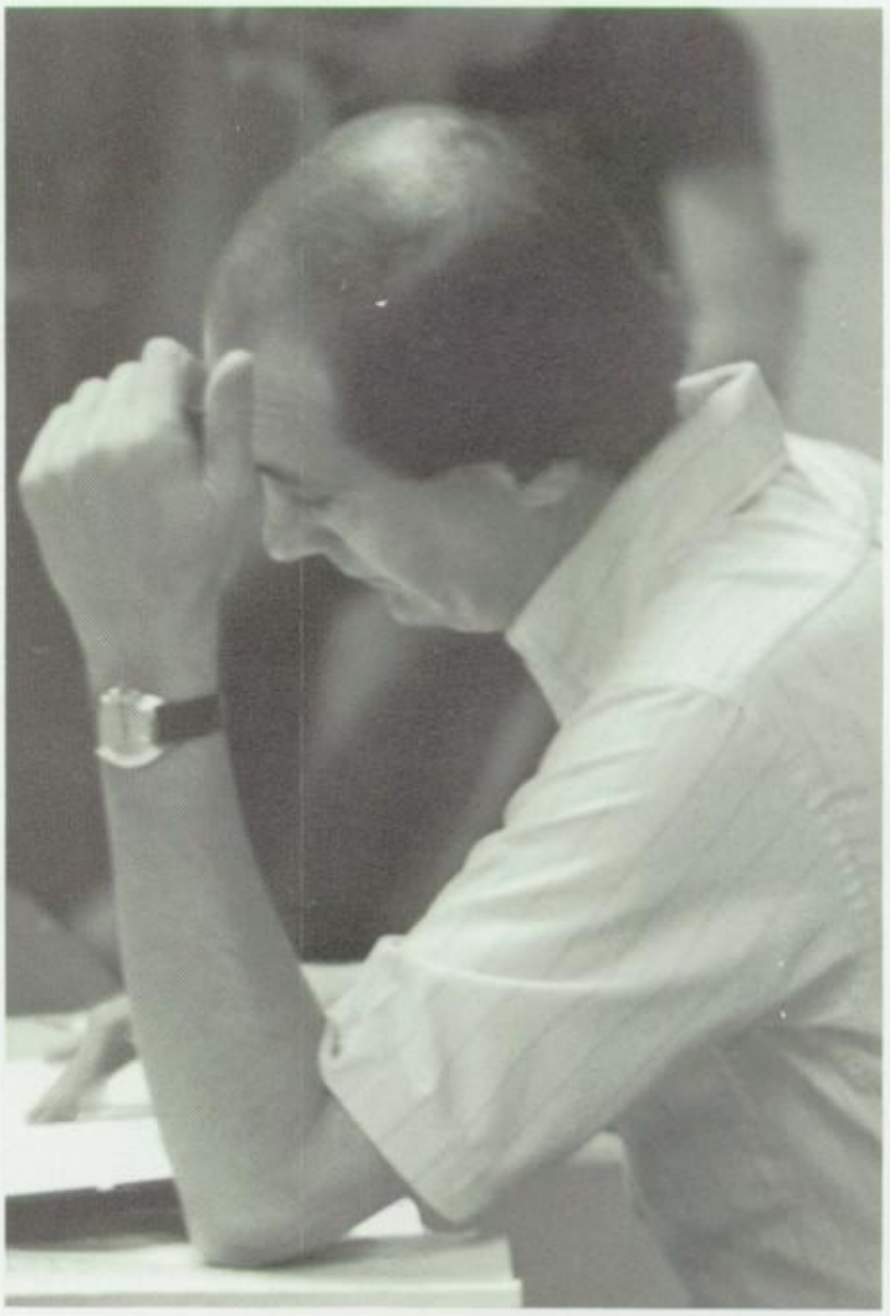
Mr. Brown - Social Studies

Mrs. Lessley - Secretary

Mr. Bowles - G.W.'s drum major?

Ms. Denton with a studious Brent Aikman.

Mrs. Henderson - English



Mr. Zaharis - Computer Science.

Candidly Speaking

Michael Glasser and Brian Curnutte

GW fans are #1!

Jim Simms enjoys lunch.

Laura Lilly and David Tweel - the Hugabunch

Brian Carr clowns with Scott Bruger.

Prose to doze by . . .

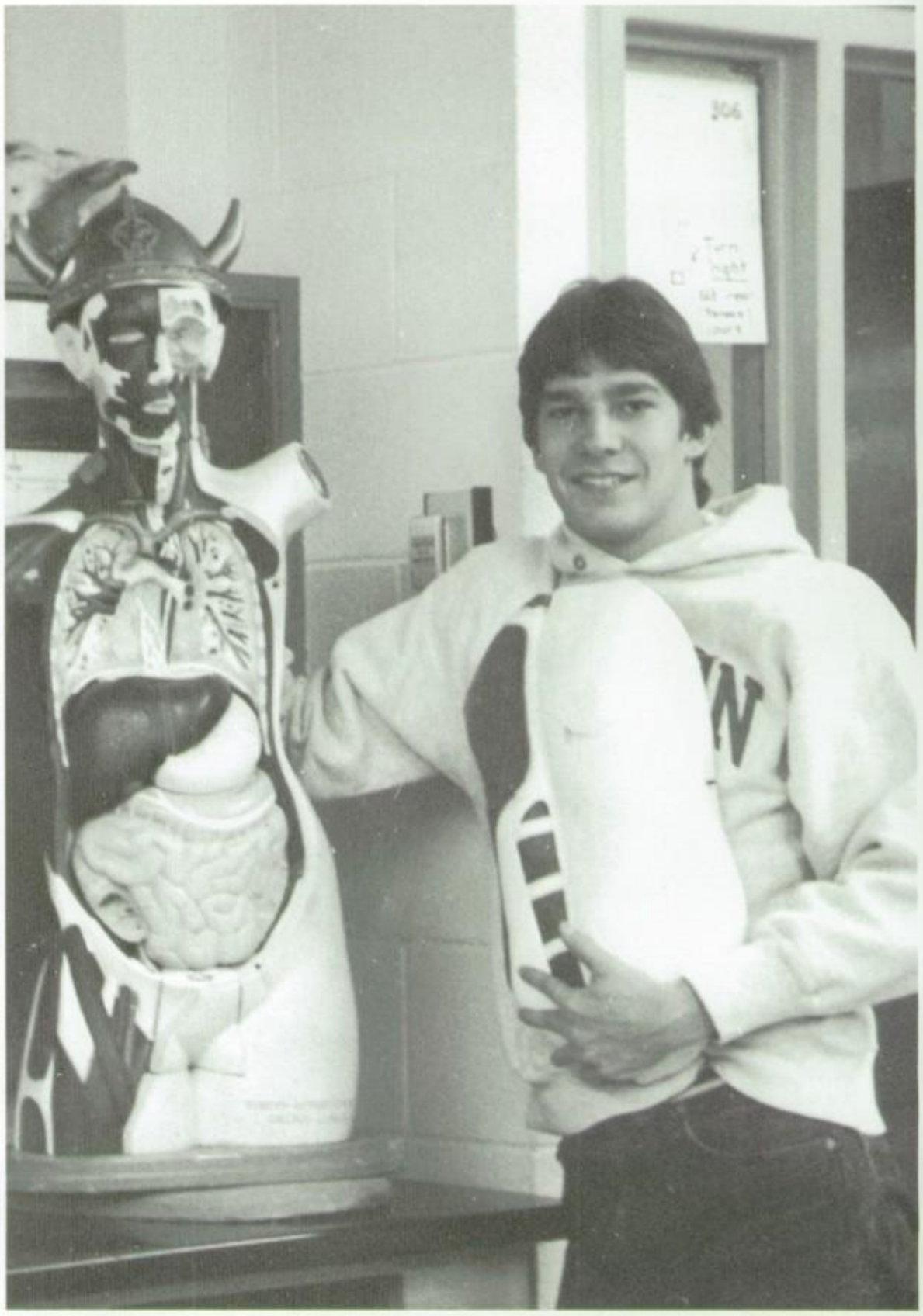
Mad scientist Shawn Copeland and Sheri McKown

Radical Richie Hardison

Sophomores Evan Thomas and Stan O'Neal study hard.

Tim McDonald with an average serving.

Premila Raja at the computer.

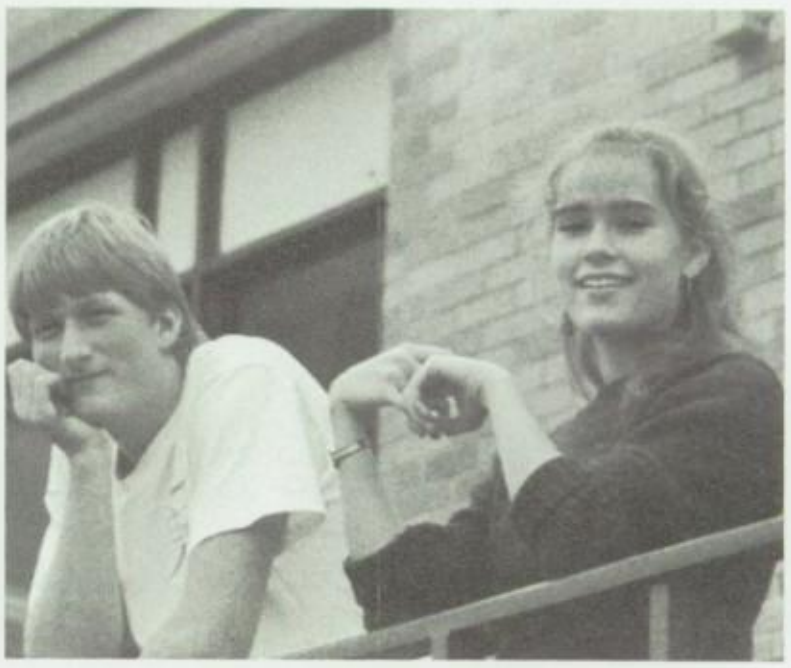


Andy Cooke and Viking friend

Jeff Miller and Mark Kegley.

Elizabeth Damewood, artiste

Kelli Cole, phone home.



Stacey Ruckle takes a break.

Left: At work on a Stacey Caldwell original.

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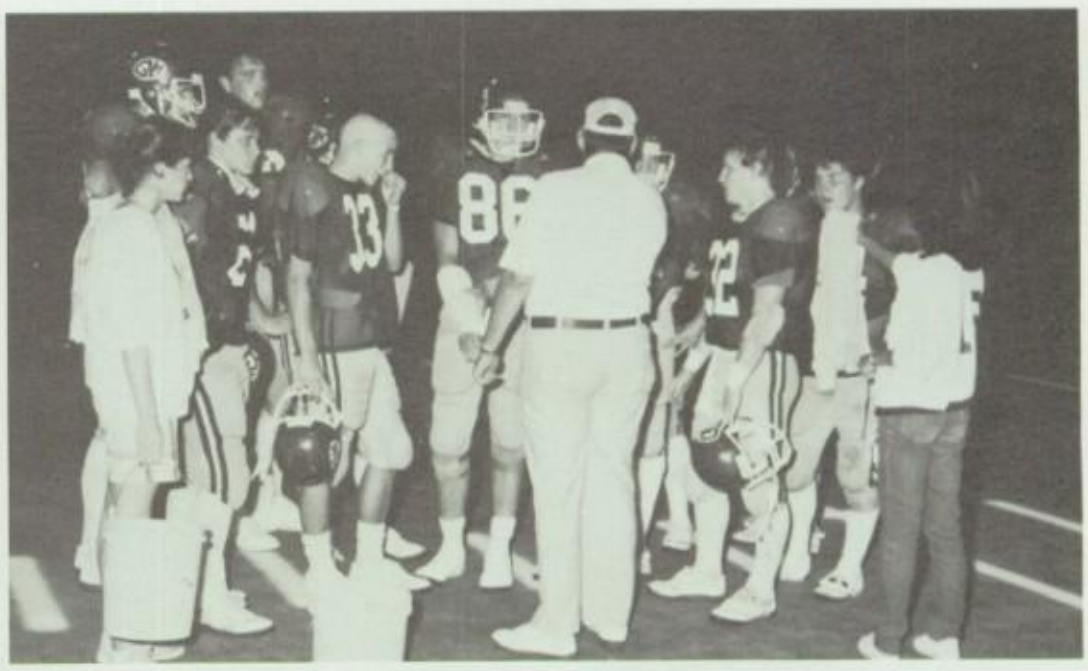
Fall Means Homecoming

Homecoming 1986 was more than just a football game. It was a time when everyone was proud to be a Patriot. Burgundy and white reigned supreme. Activities for the week included everything from a greased pig contest to beach day. One of the highlights of Homecoming evening (besides the game with Charleston High) was the crowning of Laura Christie as Homecoming Queen.

Laura Christie sports a regal look.

Laura and her senior attendants.



Coach Folden prepares the team for the next play.

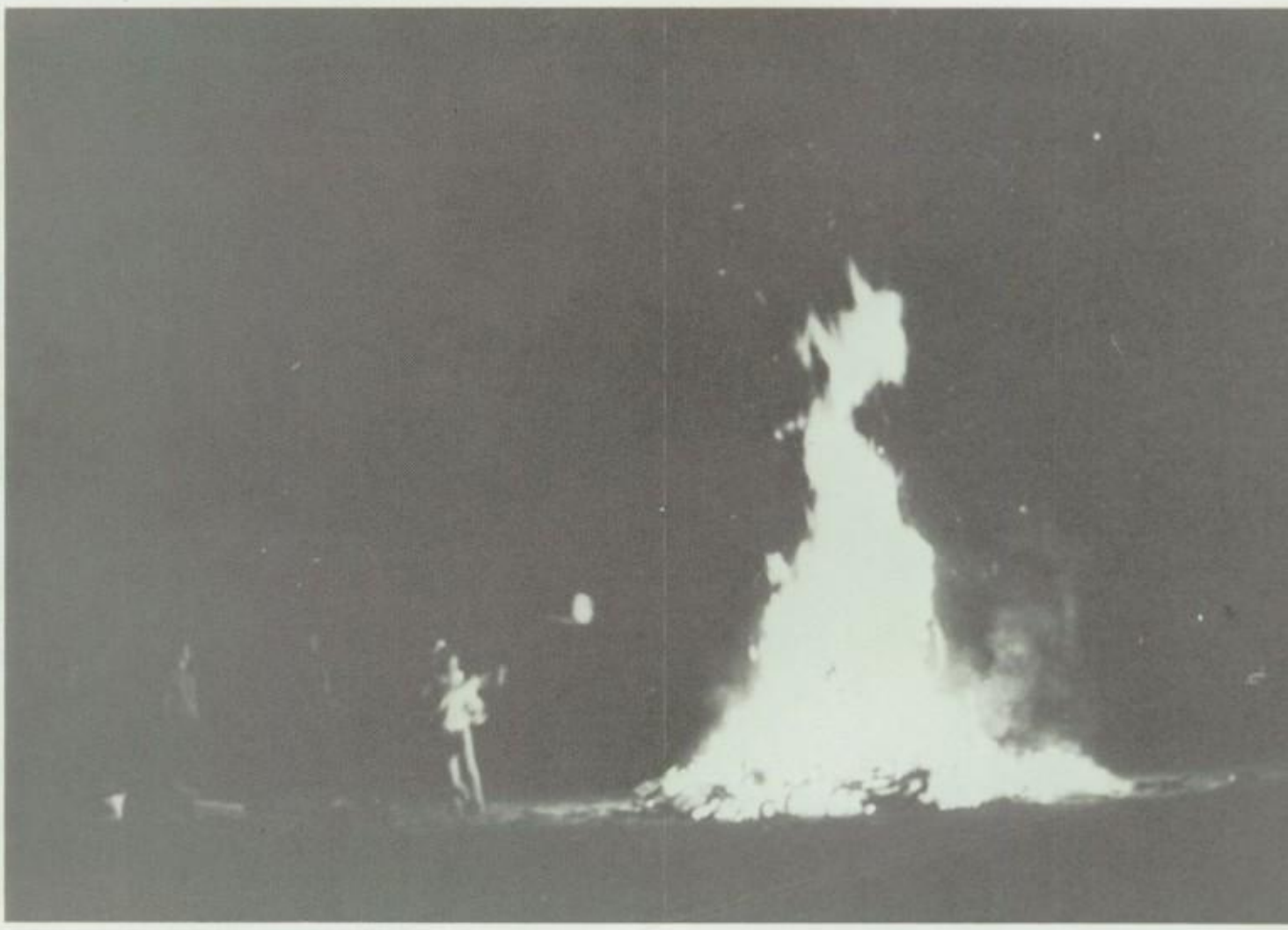
Patriots play to an enthusiastic crowd.

Jimmy Evans speaks for the team.

Mr. Lohan takes it on the chin.

Let's Go PATRIOTS!

Pat Haley scubas to class.



A bonfire brightens Homecoming enthusiasm.

Patriots Pig Out!

There was an unusual twist to Homecoming this year with the greased pig contest. Steve Curnutte supplied the pig and Patriots hit the dirt. Judging from these pictures, it's difficult to tell who actually emerged victorious . . . Our vote goes to the pig.

Patriots Band Together

The Patriot band had an unprecedented year. Under the direction of Tom Reed, the band placed 1st in the Regatta Parade and 1st at the Majorette Festival in Band Marching, Band Playing and Flag Corps. These are only a few of the numerous accomplishments of this talented group. WE SALUTE YOU!

Of Batons and Flags

Ralphael Hill, Brenda Justice, Gina Grigoracci, Andrea Hudson, Dana Creasy, Kelli Harkins, Leah Eddy, Betsy Reed, Jennifer Jarrell, Charlene Hicks, Elizabeth Hickok, Veronica Meeks.

Sheri Asbury, Evie Victorson

Melissa Garner, Julie McClung, Beth Choby, Kelli Cole, Amy Wayne

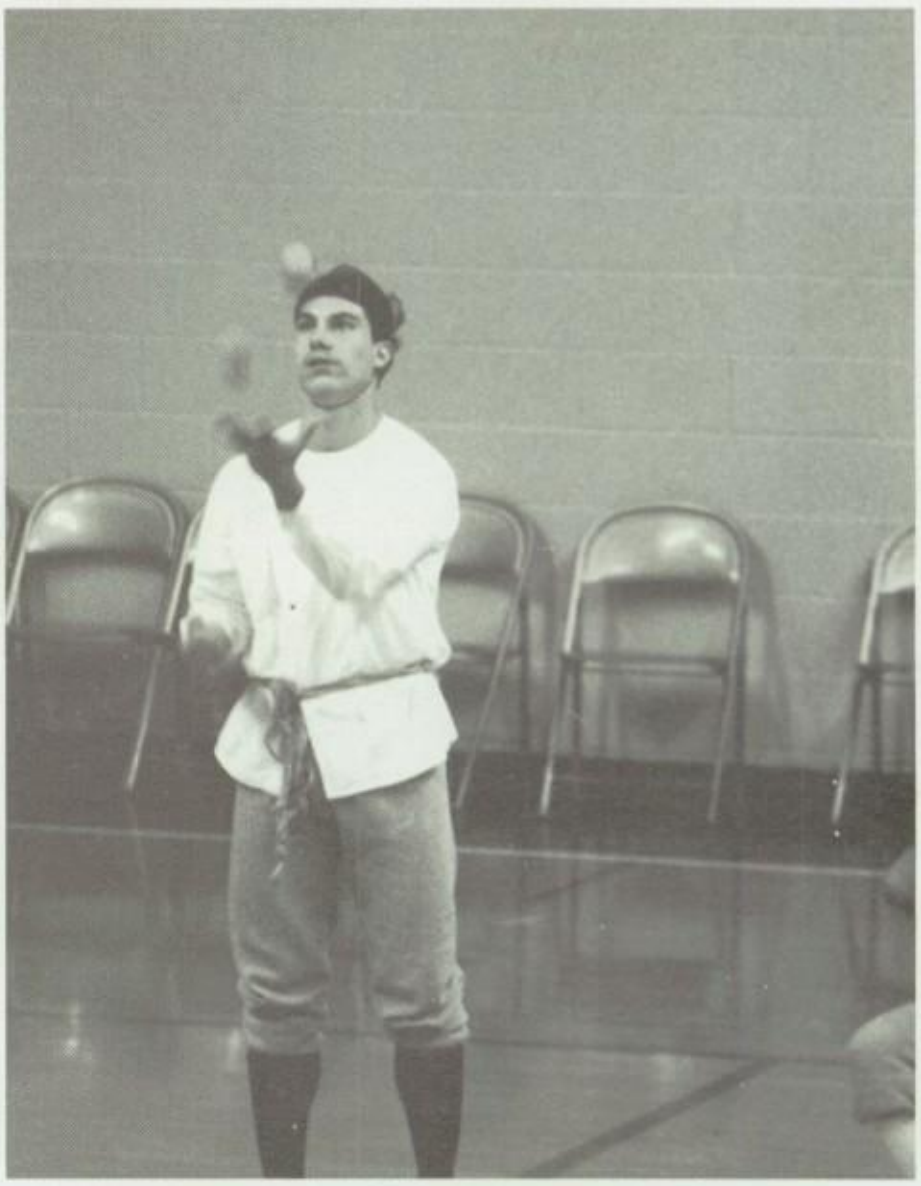
Surely, you jest — or joust!

One of the highlights of the school year was Medieval Day, presented by the senior English class. Under the direction of Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Weaver, and Ms. Knapp, the project was intended to give the student body a greater awareness of medieval times.

Students were delighted to learn that no classes would be held in order to conduct the day-long festivities. The morning started out with a student assembly in which the royal court was introduced including King Arthur, Lady Guenivere, Sir Lancelot, the trumpeters, jugglers, jester, and all those who made the magic of Camelot come alive.

After the assembly, students moved about the building visiting the various attractions. In the glassmaking shop, samples similar to those of medieval days were shown. In the next shop, rugs were on display. A real demonstration of pottery making along with candlemaking and paper making were interesting. A wooly but timid sheep awaited shearing in the shearing shed. A primitive hospital was set up. One grievously injured knight was brought in but, unfortunately, an amputation of his leg was necessary. The operation was performed swiftly with the patient in agonizing pain. The market area offered samples of medieval fare. A public trial drew many observers as well as comments from the obviously involved audience. Outside, an archery contet drew many spectators. The most exciting event of the day, however, was the joust. Although neither knight was dismounted, the spectacle proved exciting to all.

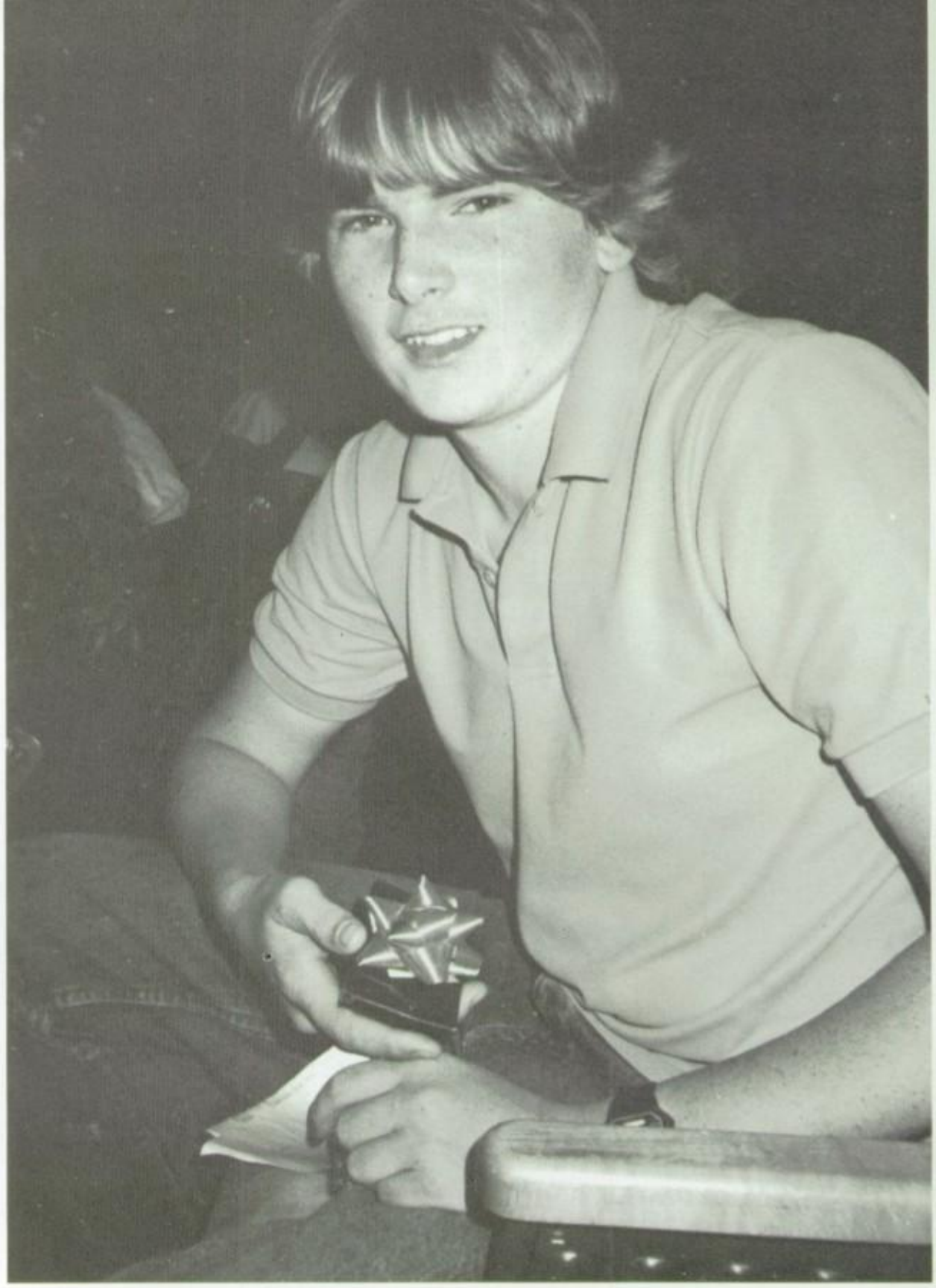
At the end of the day, another assembly was held. The main order was the execution of the convicted criminals. The festivities were presented as a part of *P.M. Magazine* on WSAZ TV.



Patriots Prove Involvement

For a change of pace, the Awards Assembly was held at night this year so that parents could attend. On May 22 Patriots were recognized for their achievements in many areas from scholarship to service. Mr. Lohan was master of ceremonies and several members of the community were on hand to applaud outstanding Patriots. Following the program a reception was held.

Kan. Co. outstanding draftsman: Jim Deakin



David Walker received the Galley I award.

Kathryn Dailey: Naval Academy Appointee

Rich Rashid: "Patriot" award

Bob Dickson serves gallantly.

Kristin Glancey shows her prize winning gown.

Youth Appreciation Day: Ijeoma Njaka, Kelli Cole, Debbie Kirk, Julie Hudson, James Newcomer, Lisa Roberts, Andy Cooke

National Merit: Robert Burns, Chuck Wright, Jennifer Theiling, Julie McClung, Nancy Hanna, Carol Vaughn, John Turner, Angie Doss, Sheri McKown, John Warren, Chris Fair

Sarah Kish: 1st female winner of the Glen Greene Award.

Susan McCready: Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation

1910
1986
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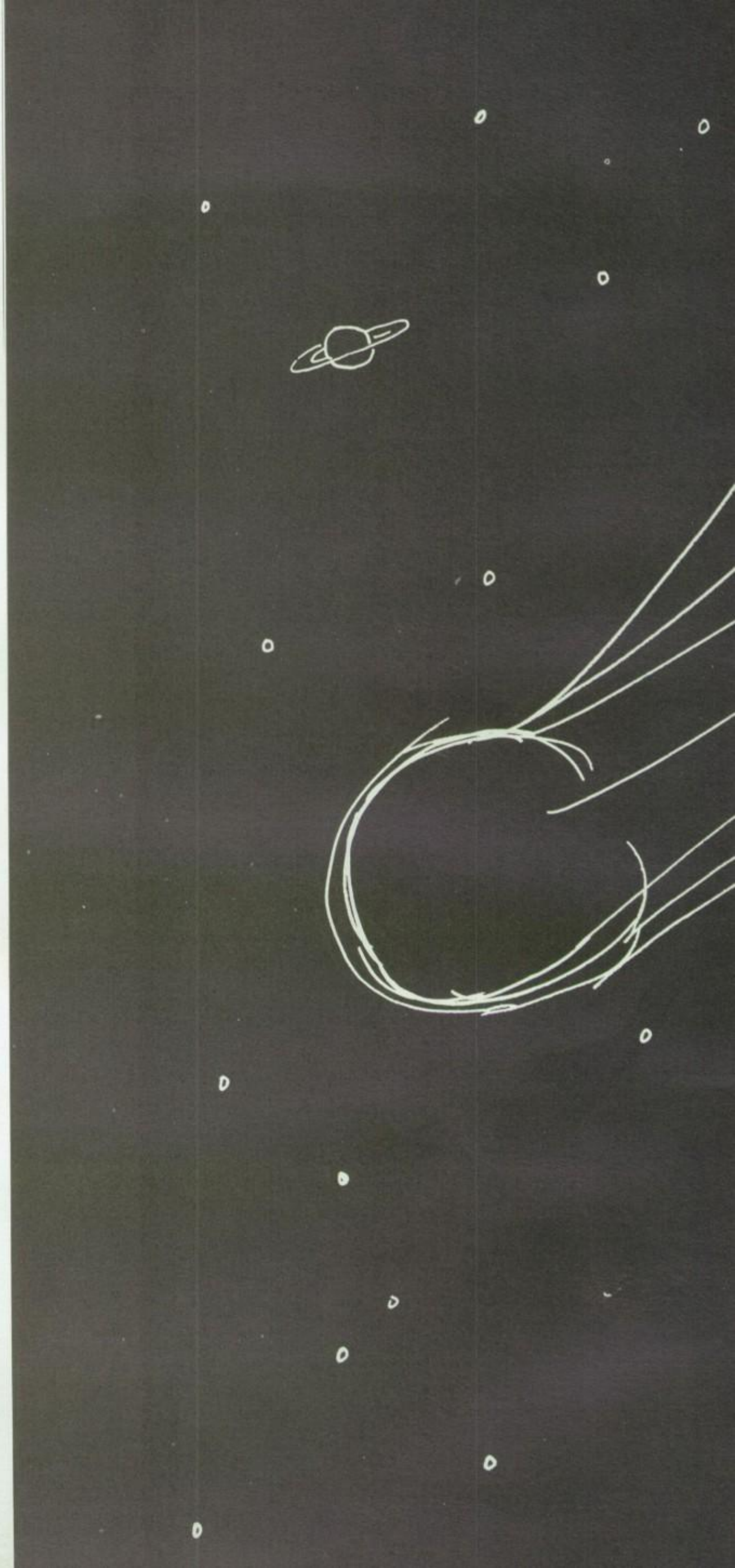
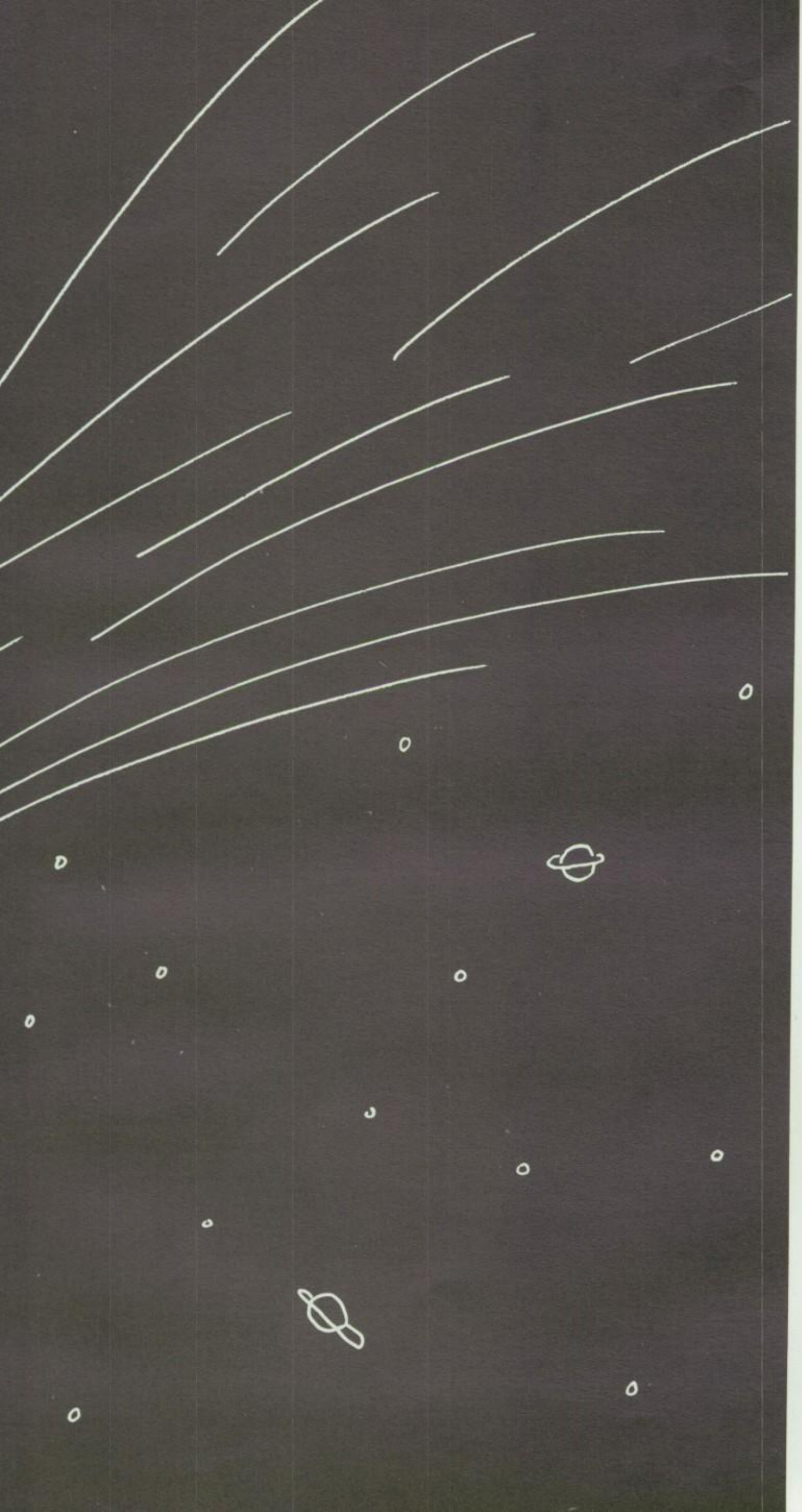
When thinking back over this school year, many memories pop into our minds. Things such as that unique G.W. mod system, homecoming week, medieval day (the two Brents battling it out), Slurpie runs to the 7-Eleven, the pressure of SAT day, football, basketball, baseball, soccer, and so on. The list is endless. However, there was one major event in this year to which most of us didn't give much thought. "What is it?" you ask. Well, at the time it may not have impressed us too much, but the reappearance of Halley's Comet was a once-in-a-lifetime event. In years to come, when it is mentioned in history books, we can recall that we were *there* when it happened!

"Big deal," we say, "that star's return to earth didn't affect us." Well, actually it didn't cause too much commotion around here, what with our modern scientific knowledge and data on comets. However, if we had lived back in 1910, when Halley's Comet (which, by the way, is named after Edmond Halley) last returned to earth's view, we probably would have been pretty shaken up.

Although Halley's Comet has been making its orbit every 76-79 years since ancient times, up until now people were superstitious enough to believe its return was signalling the end of the world, and namely the end of us. Afraid that some natural disaster was going to occur as this blob of gas, ice and dust neared our planet, people went to such extremes as selling "comet pills," oxygen, and climbing into "safe" water barrels "just in case." Sure, this seems silly now, and most of us still would have preferred buying a taco salad over a telescope. However, imagine living back in May, 1910, when, as the comet approached the sun it grew so bright that people could see it in the night sky, getting closer and closer to earth. Imagine gazing upon this celestial body's head, about one million miles in diameter, plus a tail about a hundred times that long streaming behind it away from the sun while sitting in our living room doing algebra homework. (By the way, it has an elliptical orbit in our solar system — remember Mr. Hundley's method of teaching ellipses?) But most importantly, imagine being a high school senior sitting in class on May 21, 1910, the day the earth passed through Halley's tail!

So maybe nowadays fear and trembling over the return of this famous comet is gone, and for us the fascination with this mysterious body in our solar system has died down. However, someday when we are flipping back through this book of remembrances, we can stop and recall with pride that great change in OUR 1986 sky — the reappearance of Halley's Comet!





America's Disaster

The Space Shuttle Challenger was a symbol of the American desire to explore the unknown. Because all of America shared this dream, everyone from sea to shining sea was devastated by the Challenger's explosion. The morning of January 28, 1986 will long be remembered.

Seven brave Americans died for that dream. Civilian schoolteacher, Christa McAuliffe; commanding officer, Francis Scobee; mission specialist, Ellison Onizuta; scientist, Gregory Jarvis; and Michael Smith were the ill-fated astronauts. They represented the melting pot that America has come to be.

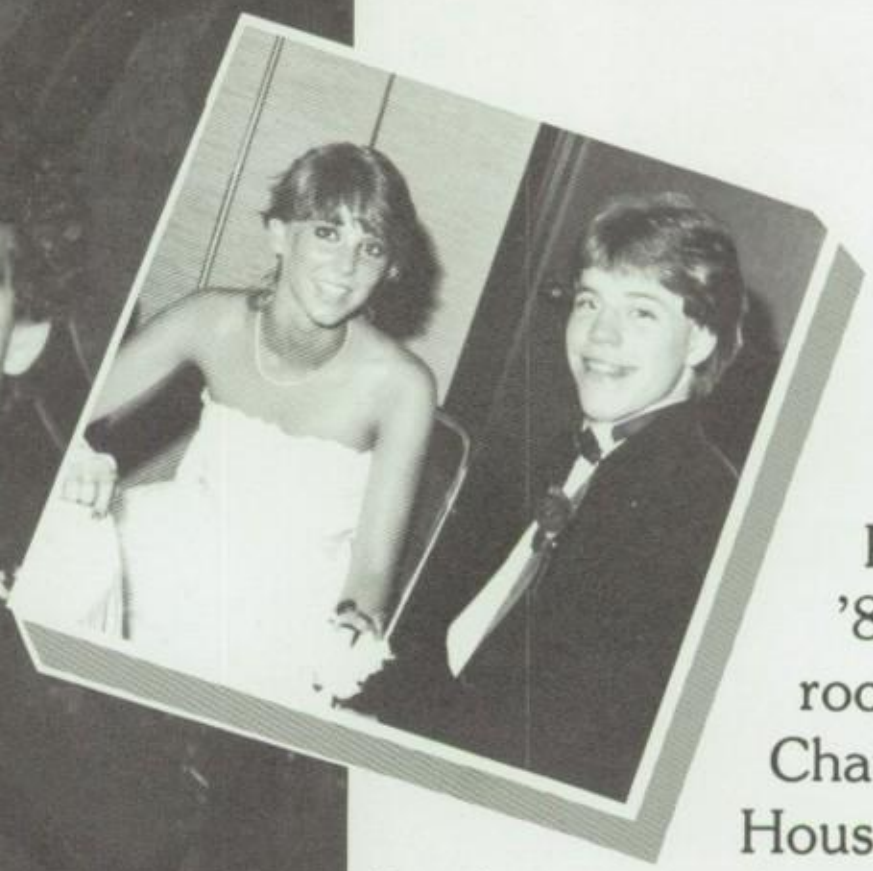
Christa McAuliffe, thirty-seven, was the first civilian to fly in space. The mother of two children and a dedicated high school teacher, Christa's goal was to teach America's youth about life in space.

Reflections on the Space Shuttle disaster at George Washington ranged from apathy to deep sorrow, but one thought remained constant: the need for the Shuttle program to continue. The common response to the question, "How do you feel about the Space Shuttle disaster?" was "It was very sad, but life will go on and so must the Shuttle program." Students also revealed their feelings about Mrs. McAuliffe. "It is terrible that she spent all that time working to get ready to go up in the Shuttle and then it blew up. She was really looking forward to it and it ended in disaster," was one response, but at the other end came bitterness toward the emphasis placed on Christa, and the overlooking of the other crew members who were killed.

Concern for the future of the program was a popular topic. "I feel it blew up because details were overlooked in the hurry to get it into space. We can't let this happen again; we're dealing with American lives," said senior Bob Dickson. Another opinion was "Instead of concentrating on the mistakes, we should concentrate on the achievements, such as all the information we have learned about space." The desire to be ahead of the Soviet Union concerning space travel was demonstrated by senior Rodney Hudson who said, "It's a shame because we just managed to get something into space and it blew up, and now the Russians have something up there and the Americans are sitting back depressed because we have seven Americans dead."

The overwhelming response by the GW students asked, as of Americans everywhere, is the need for the shuttle program to continue. Concern for the families and caution about flights were also expressed. The Space Shuttle disaster was a significant event of 1986.

Mardi Gras Makes Memories

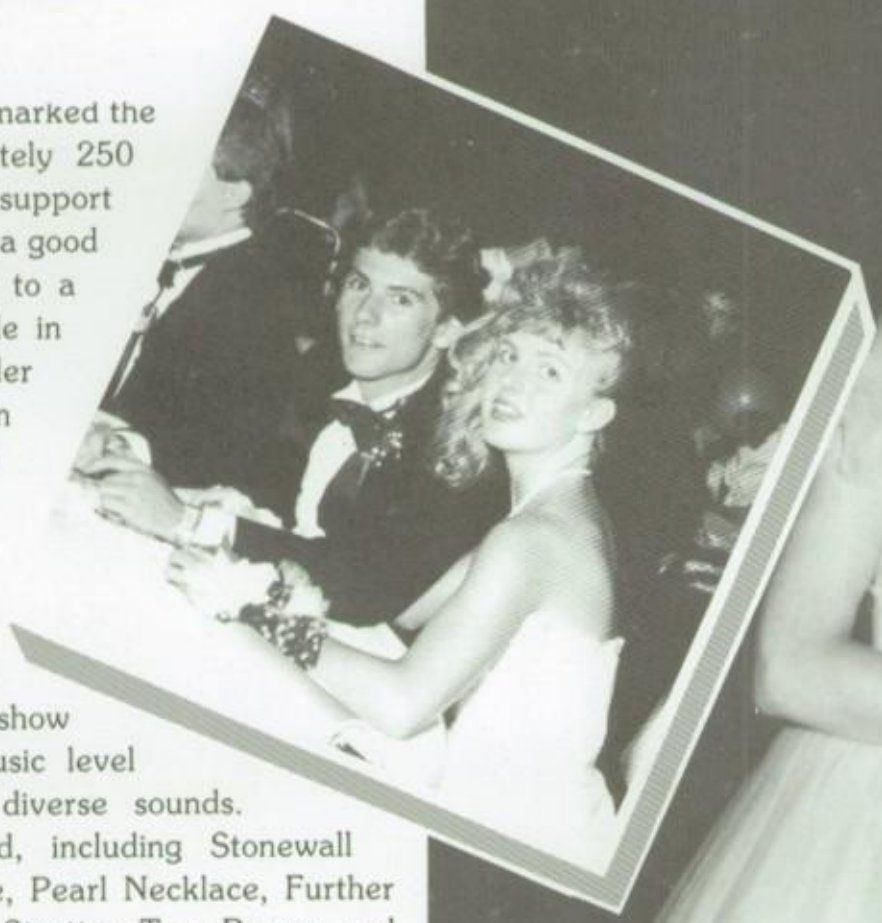


Mardi Gras . . . What better theme to express Prom Night '86! The ballroom of the Charleston House Holiday Inn became a festive corner of old New Orleans and Patriots stepped out in style. Terri Dawson was crowned Queen of the Prom.

Brian Hores crowns Terri Dawson.

David Goldberg makes the big announcement.

Kim Eplin and date relaxes before the next dance.



Friday, December 13, marked the first Prom-Aid. Approximately 250 people turned out to support their favorite bands and aid a good cause. The show appealed to a wide age group with people in their early teens to "the older crowd" in their 20s. The fun was marked by a sum of $350 made for the prom. The coordinator, Heather Hartley, was responsible for the entire show and much credit should go to her. The show was more on the new music level with hardcore and their diverse sounds. Several bands participated, including Stonewall Oriented, Civil Disobedience, Pearl Necklace, Further Thoughts, Diminished Fifth, Strutter, True Rumor, and Mad Daddys. Prom-Aid is hopefully the first in a long line of such events. It was great that many of GW's students pulled together to have an evening of entertainment and support the cause. The music of today's American Youth had finally found a place in our society.

Right: Jackie Bennett and escort take a break.

"Now for the unmasking."

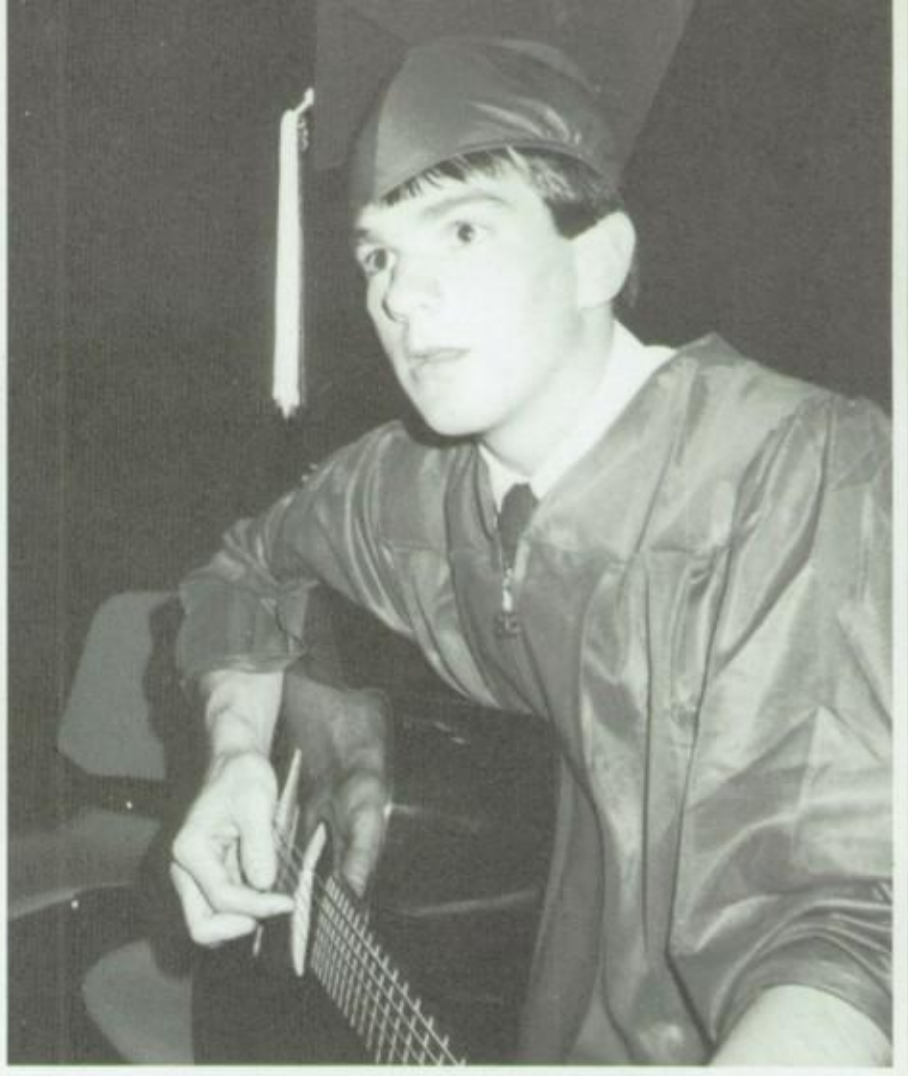
Graduation '86: "I Can, I Will"

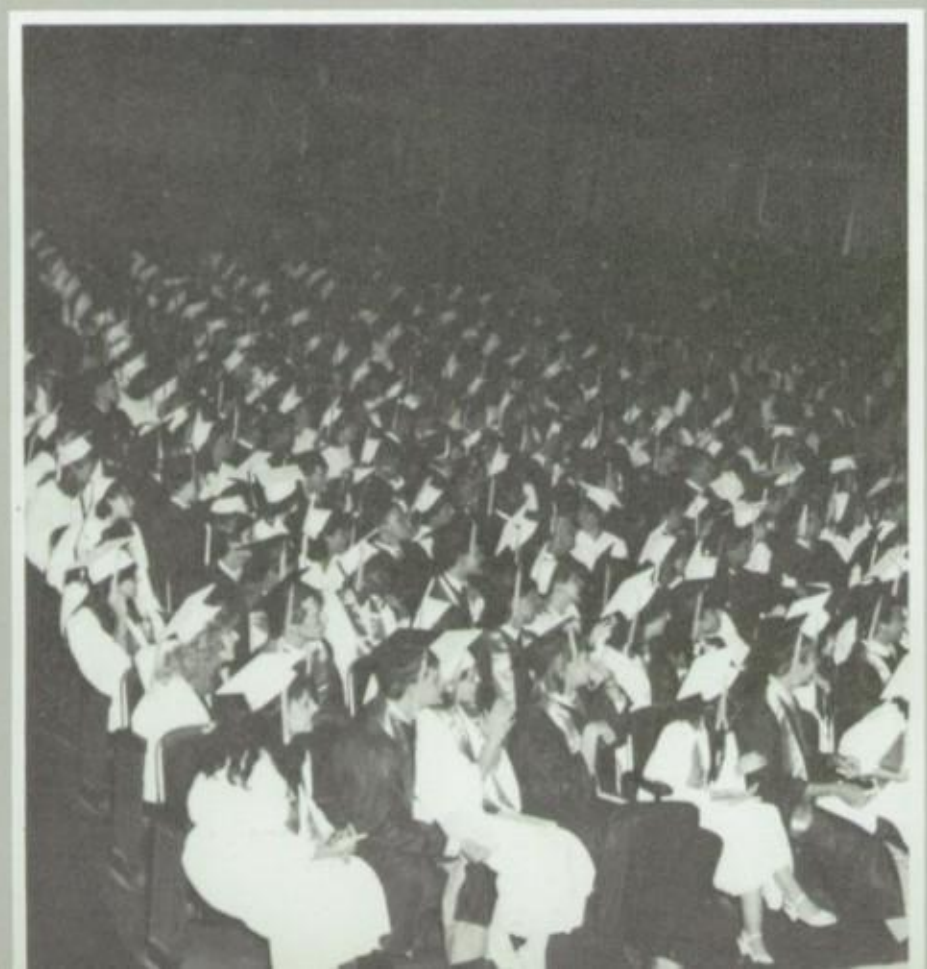
Falling to my knees as the world stood still
How many times have I said "I can I will"
Change this place
I can I will.
Contemplation, desperation is carved on my soul
Inarticulate feelings, those thoughts are taking their toll,
I can I will
I can I will.

If you don't like it, why don't you make a change
But I must confess I'm empty and everything's the same
I can I will
I can I will.
I can see in my reflection that look on my face
There is something I will do before I leave this place
I can I will
I can I will.

When you see a crying child, don't your heart and eyes burn?
For the sake of tears you know this world must make a turn
To a better place
I can I will.
Don't let teardrops blind your vision,
laughter strengthens the weak
The poet and the fighter seek the peace that we all seek
I can I will
I can I will.

The world we see is like a mirror
Reflecting each and every mind's eye
If our world is to be a peaceful kingdom
I can, I will, must be the cry.
If you feel betrayed or stabbed, forsaken
Your tears will do no good to fall
Your thoughts must be sunlight from heaven
I can, I will, shine one shine all.





The talent and creativity of the Senior Class made the 22nd annual commencement a highlight of the year. On Monday, June 9, 1986, the graduates not only received their diplomas but they also were honored by their classmates. Angela Doss dedicated the ceremony by playing a flute solo, Sheri McKown enthralled the audience with Rachmaninoff, and Wendy Wilson's flute accompaniment for "My Wish for You" was magical. But the class presentation "stole the show." New GW alums watched as slides of familiar faces were shown, a presentation coordinated by Kathryn Daily and Beth Atkins. There were few dry eyes as Steve Curnutte, Senior Class President, sang his original song "I Can, I Will." The following pictures capture the emotion of the evening.

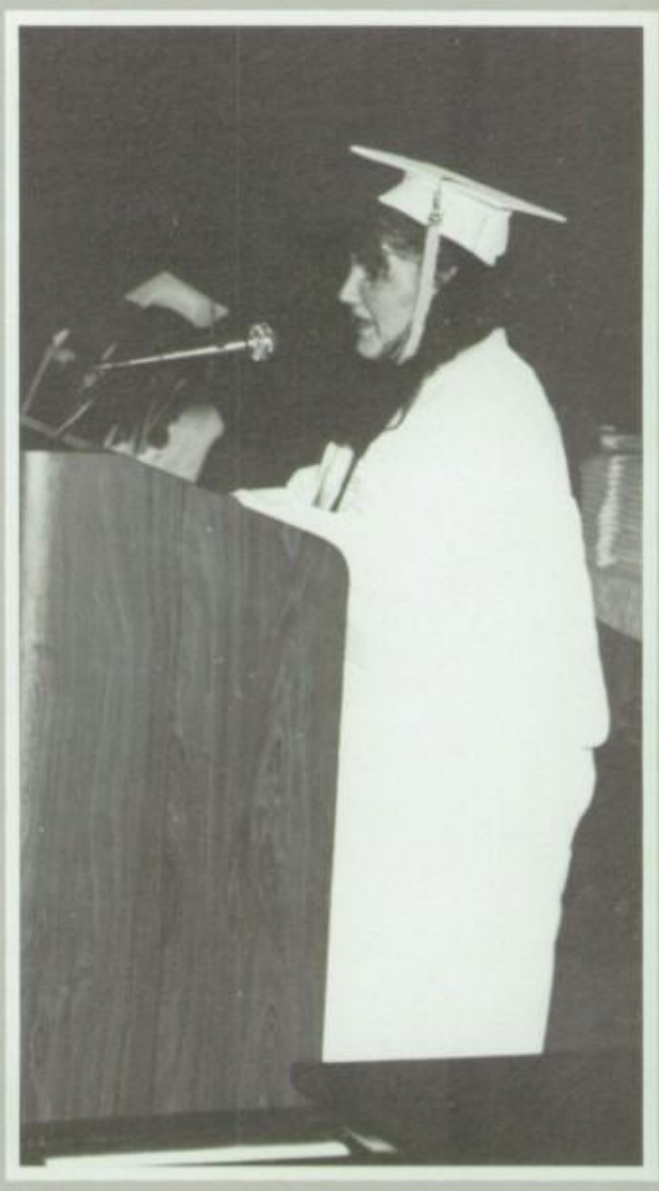
Jeff Keese, Patrick Cole, Basil White, and Brett Ellison prepare to march.

Carol Vaughn before the big moment

A happy Julie McClung and Leah Hill

Nancy Hanna, Valedictorian

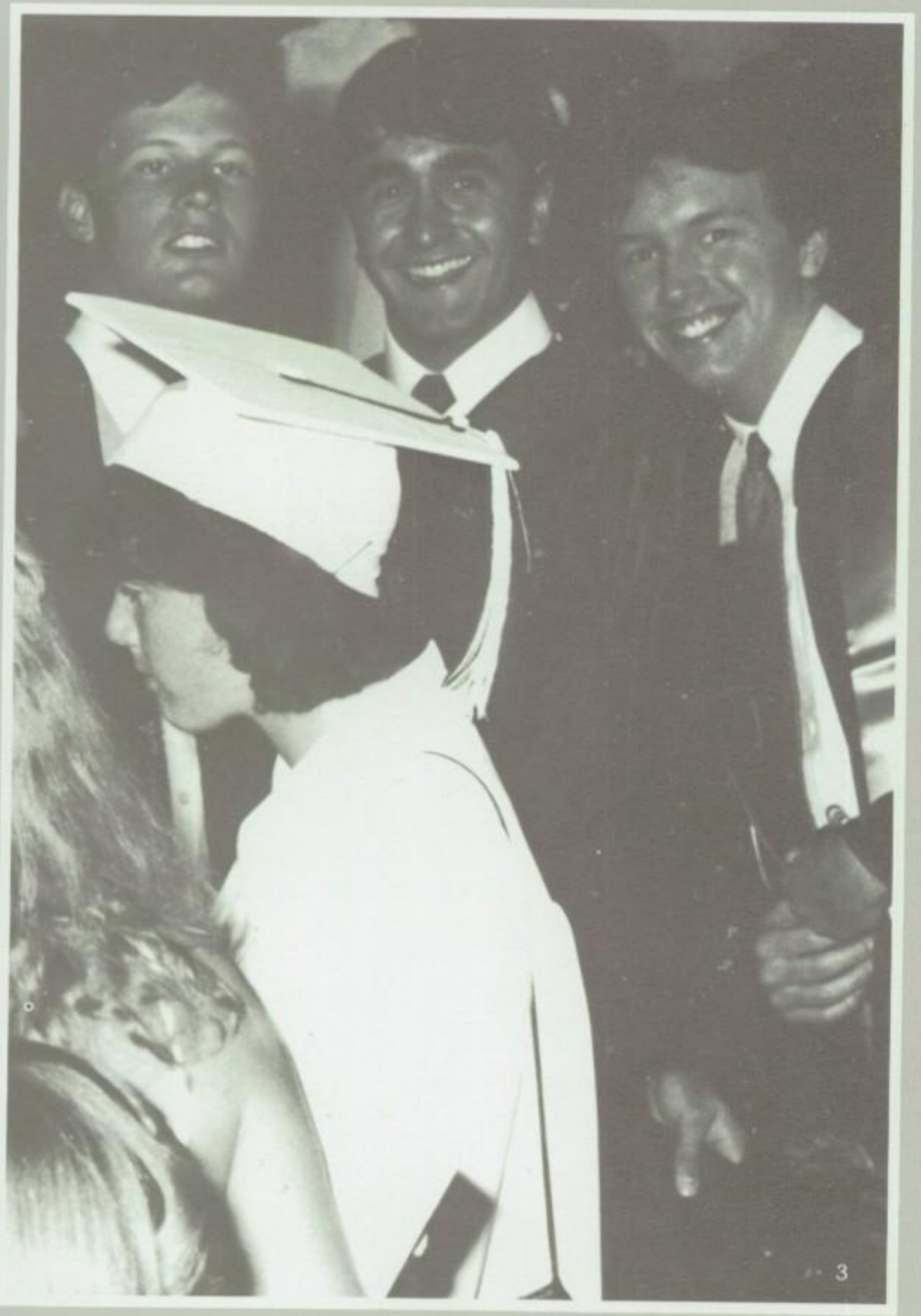
James Dent gives advice.

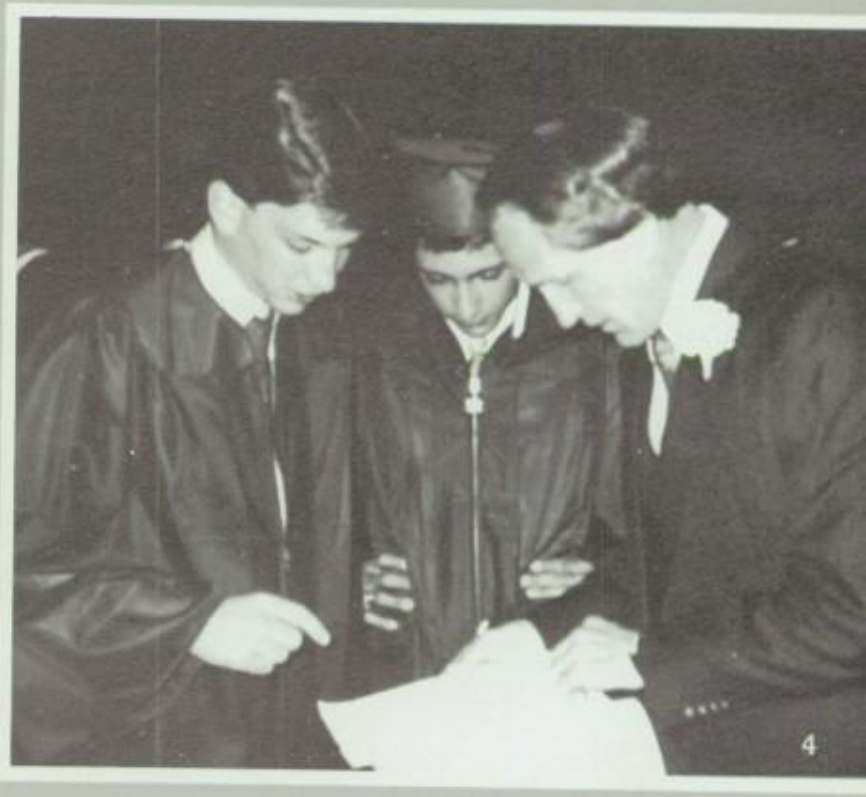


Mr. Lohan, Doug Lordan, Ken Litton

Honor Graduates: Nancy Hanna; Sheri McKown, and Angie Doss

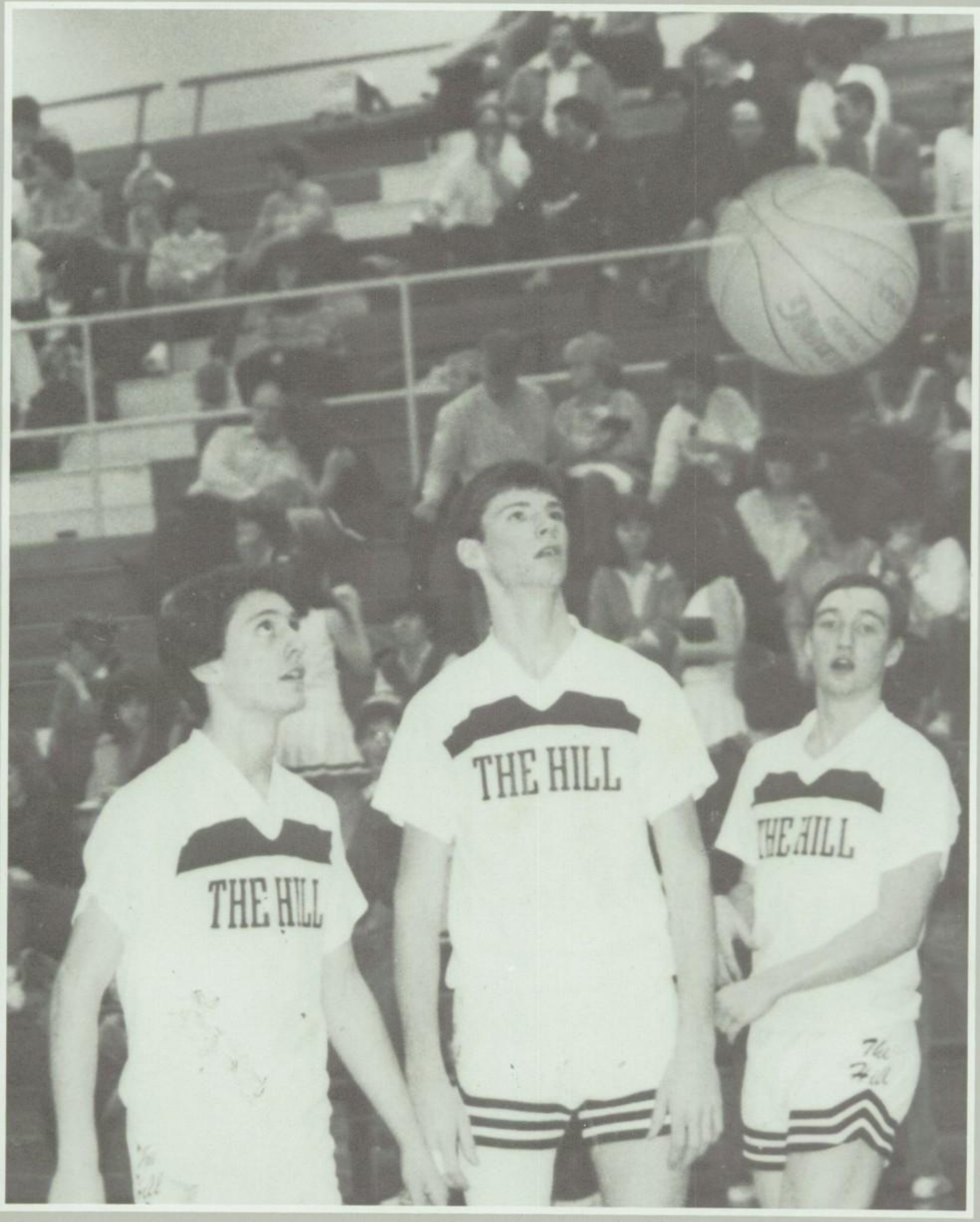
Kelly Vandale picks a memory.





1 Mr. Bowles congratulates Gary Tanguilig.
2 Mrs. Lane gives last minute instructions.
3 Chris Krivonyak, Juan Irungaray, Kevin McGarty, Helen O'Hare.
4 Mr. Dubois checks seating.
5 Laura Weber, Jennifer Joseph, Kim Eplin decide how to put on caps.

SPORTS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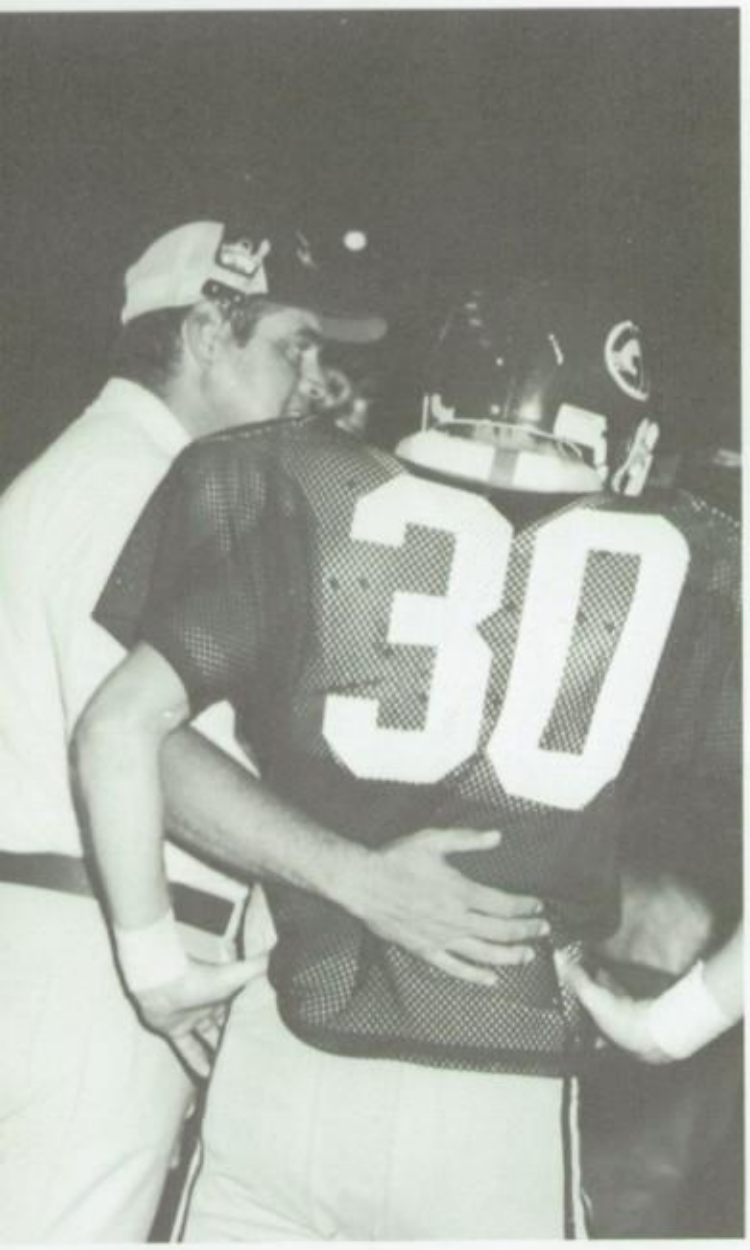
GW'S "Cheerful" Ladies

GW's varsity squad

the junior varsity squad

Right: Mrs. Hyatt — cheerleader sponsor

Coach Folden discusses the next play.



John Ray gets some help from his friends.

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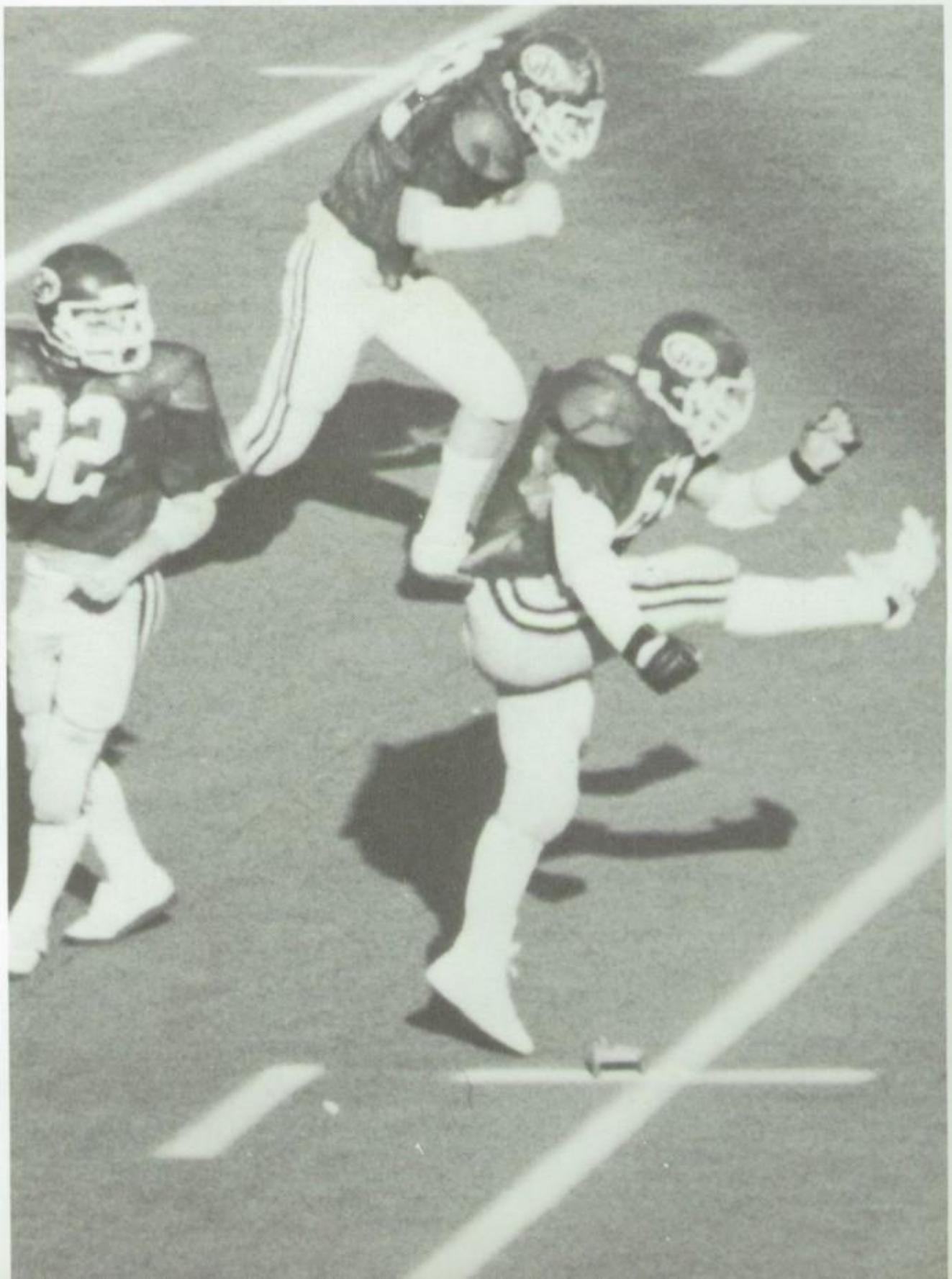


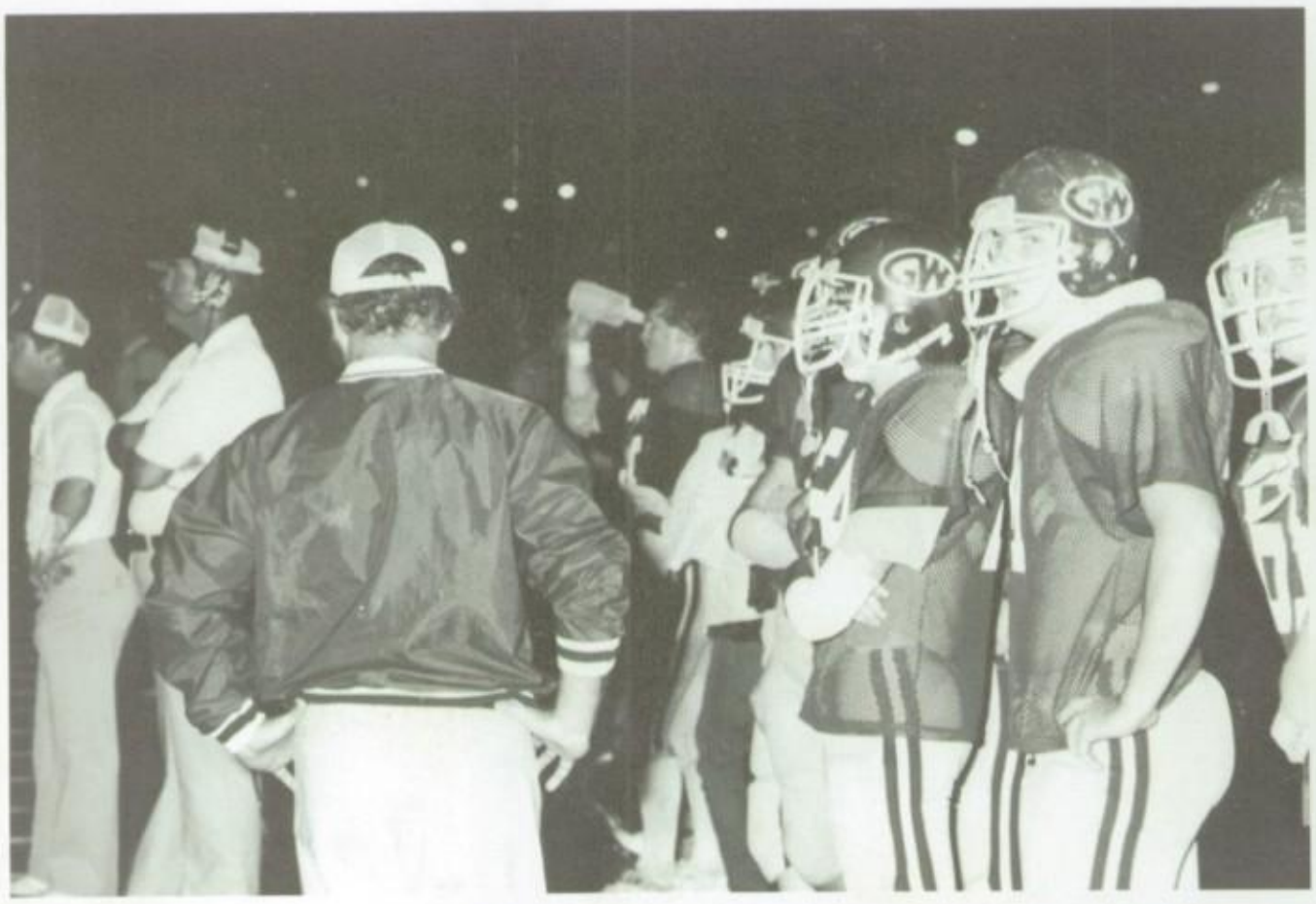
FOOTBALL TEAM

The Patriots were back this year in fine fashion. After last year's 2-8 record, the team was fired up to win. After trailing Beckley early in the game, G.W. bounced back to a 26-20 victory. Next came East Bank, who played a fine game but also lost, 19-18. The next four games against Stonewall (14-12), Parkersburg (28-14), Nitro (12-10), and Dupont (21-14) also went into G.W.'s win column. The Patriots suffered their sole regular season loss to CHS, 34-12. The team bounced back, however, to defeat St. Albans 18-0, So. Charleston 27-7, and Herbert Hoover 34-20, to end up the regular season with a 9-1 record.

The Patriots went into the playoffs ranked second in the State and pulled off a narrow victory against the Point Pleasant Big Blacks (21-20). In the semi-final round the team suffered a heartbreaking defeat to Parkersburg (13-28) and finished the season with a 10-2 record and ranked third in the State.

Several highlights marked the 1985 football season for the Patriots. Richie Hardison was elected as Captain of the All-KVC defensive team at linebacker. Coach Jay Folden, who is in only his second year as head coach, was elected as Coach of the Year. Surely the 1985 George Washington football season will not soon be forgotten.

FOOTBALL PATRIOT STYLE



Right: Players eager to participate

Below: Players help create enthusiasm at pep assembly.

Left: Richie Hardison predicts Patriot victory.

Below: Coach Folden confers before sending a player on to the field.

Patriots play the Big Reds.

Cross Country Challenge

This year the boys and girls cross country teams hit the streets of Charleston as well as the trails of Coonskin Park, Camp Virgil Tate, and Oak Hill. Through hard work and the help of our Coaches Jackson and Gandy, we received "a new attitude" and had a successful year. Both teams placed second in the Kanawha Valley Championships and the boys team went on to the state championship along with several of the girls' best runners including Kim Barber, Ann Hall and Beth Atkins. It was obvious the runner was a Patriot when our flashing silver running tights crossed the finish line. The greatest accomplishment was the fact that for the first time our girls team had more runners than the boys!

Team members include Andy Cooke, Rob Nottingham, Chris Hoffman, Philip Yin, Thad Keener, Robert Jordan, David Price, Steve Buck, Rod Smith, Elizabeth Roles, Jennifer McCain, Sarah Moore, Kirsten Sims, Gurpreet Saluja, Catherine Grimm, Cheryle Cutlip, Beth Atkins, Kim Barber, Ane Hall, Cecelia Hoffman, Sheri McKown, Stephanie Osborne, Missy Wilett, Heather Hartley, Tierney Davis, Lyn Wilkinson.

Philip Yin

Guppie Saluja before a meet.

Below: Catherine, Stephanie

Ferrell's Team

Right: I've got it!

Below: preparing for a jump ball

Shooting for two

Stretching for the ball

Practice makes perfect.

Below: shooting for two

Bill Knox works around the competition.

Mark Kegley is a vocal fan.

G W BASKETBALL SEASON 1985-86

In Varsity Boys' basketball, this was a rebuilding year due to having only one senior on the team - Richie Hardison. The other varsity members were Keith Graley, Bill Knox, John Ray, Tim Scholton, Mike Glasser, Shane Holstein, Tom Rabel, Brian Griffith, Derek Hoovel and Jason Moore. Junior Varsity members were Matt Lerfald, Steve Ford, Jeff Hamm, Will Jones, Brian Monk, Kenny Michau and Kirk Adams.

Coaching changes early in the season and fights during games brought controversy to the 1985-86 season. Bob Neely coached the first three games then resigned and was replaced for two games by Assistant Coach Bill Crouch. Rick Greene, who had assisted with the team in previous years, was named head coach. After the season ended Coach Greene commented, "when I took the basketball job, I considered it a privilege to coach at GW, and I feel even stronger about GW now."

The regular season record was 7-13, but ten of the losses were by a margin of seven points or less. Coach Greene said, "considering all the adversity the kids went through, I think they did a good job this year."

Although this was not the best year for basketball in G W's history, having seven returning varsity players makes Coach Greene optimistic about the 1986-87 season saying, "we will miss Richie, but I am excited about our chances next year."

Coach Greene calmly cheers the team on.

Keith Graley is intent on his game.

ight: preparing for the set-up

Mr. Brown spends many hours helping the team prepare for each natch.

Right: The serve begins the game.

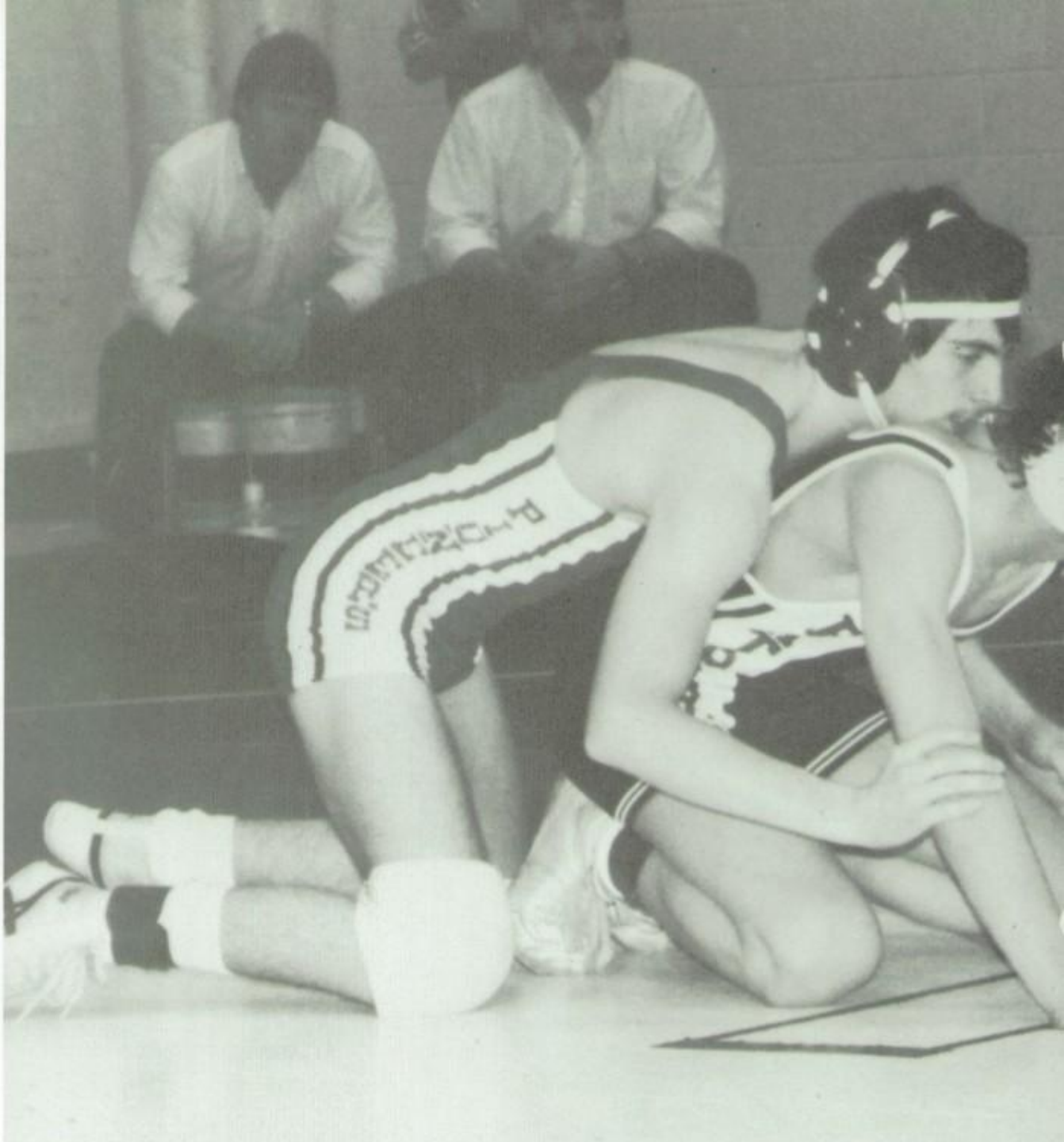
CHANGE: REBUILDING FOR A WINNING SEASON

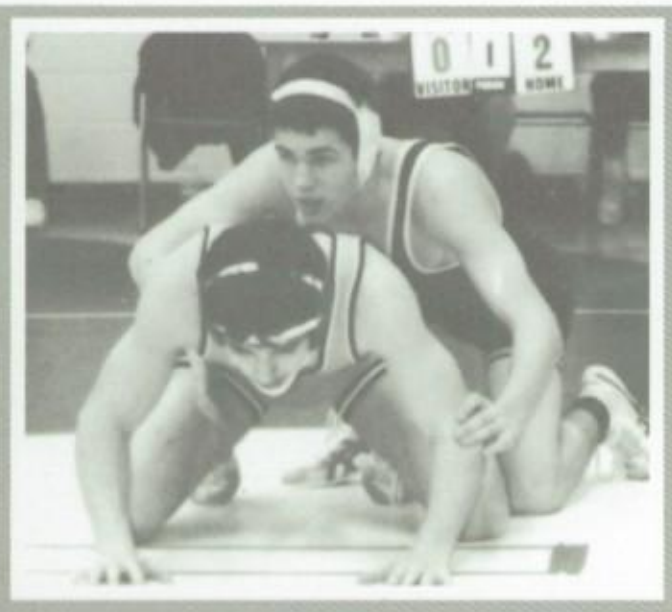
Our volleyball team, one that gets little recognition, had a learning experience this year. Comprised of inexperienced and young players, the team practiced and improved their techniques necessary to beat the number one team in the state next year.

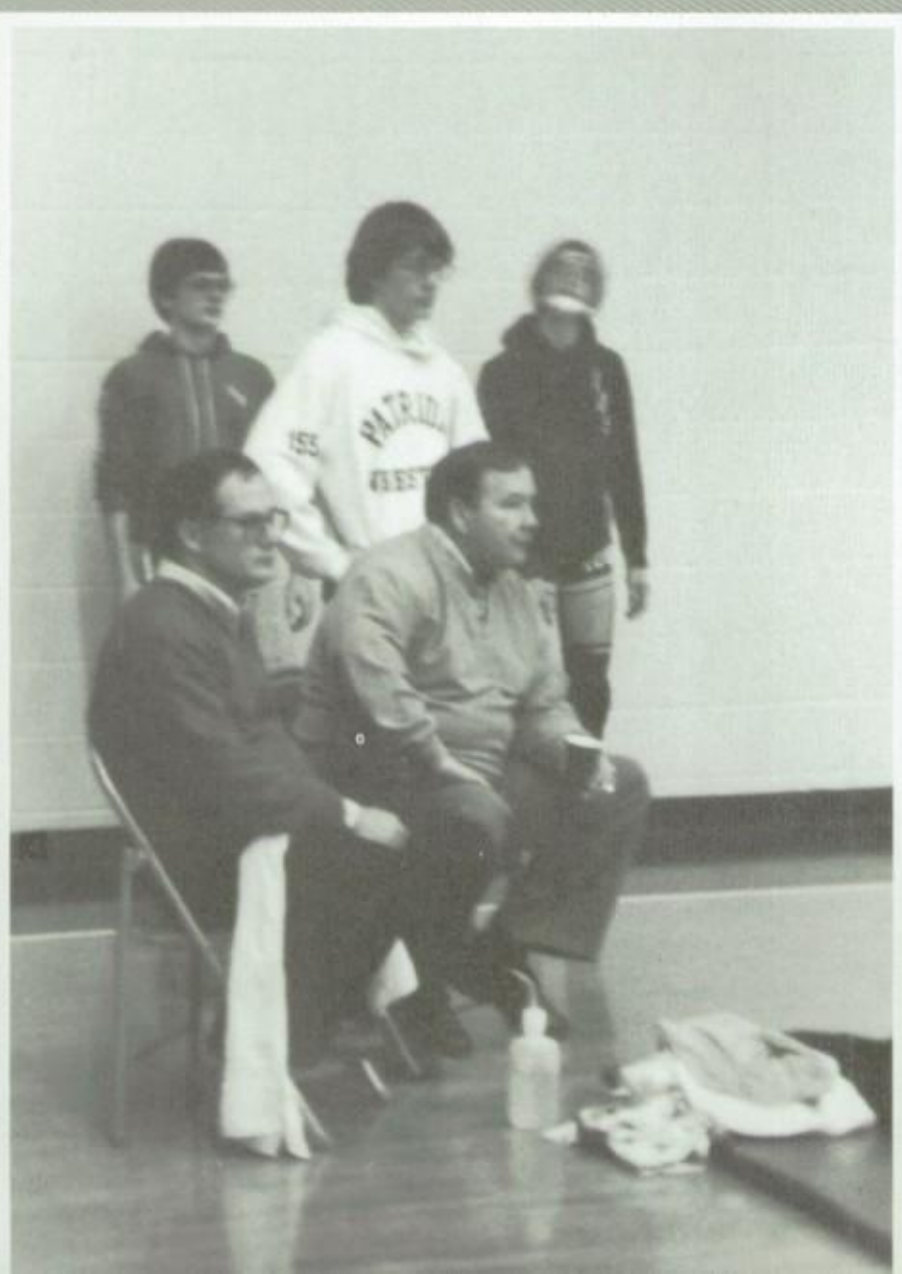
The team, made up of eight girls, had a difficult season. The players, Stephanie Osbourne, Betsy Reed, Mary Beth Williamson, Jackie Bsharah, Kathy Lordan, Kathy Kiser, Sherri Brown, and Amy Wells with two managers, Beth Frisk and Alen Lewis, handled a 30 game season. Though their win-lose record reflects a losing season (they were 9-19), the girls played a tough schedule. They played Huntington East and Parkersburg High in regular season, state champs and runnerups respectively. They played in our own and Parkersburg's tournaments and made it to the semi-finals of the state Sectionals.

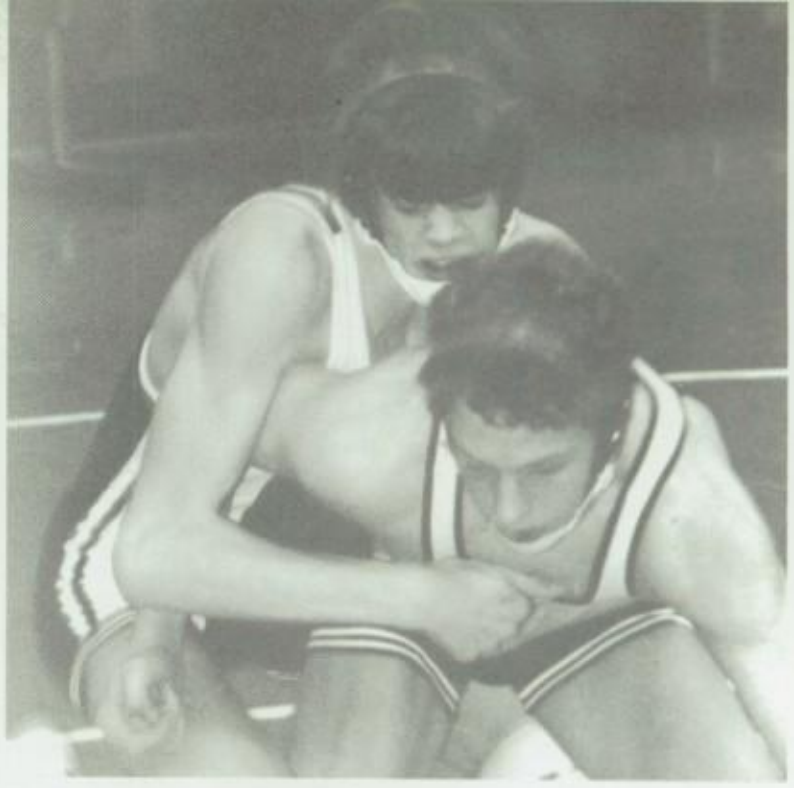
The volleyball team waits with great anticipation for next season. Wanting to avenge their losses this year, the girls hope to have a great team. With several new players from Horace Mann, they hope to add them to their team, expecting a lot of great plays from them in return. And since most of the players will be returning for at least one more season, the team will have the depth and experience necessary to win the state title. With Kathy Lordan making all-KVC this year and with Mr. Brown as their coach, the team will have a great season. GOOD LUCK GIRLS!

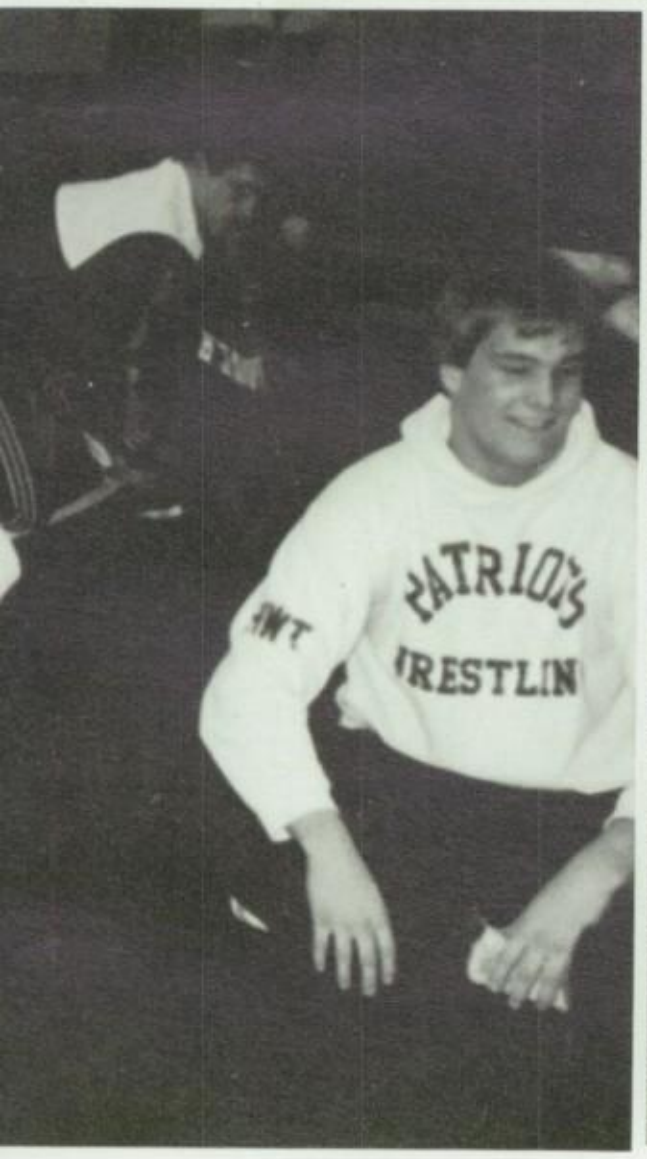
TAKE DOWN!
In Wrestling It's the Thing to Do

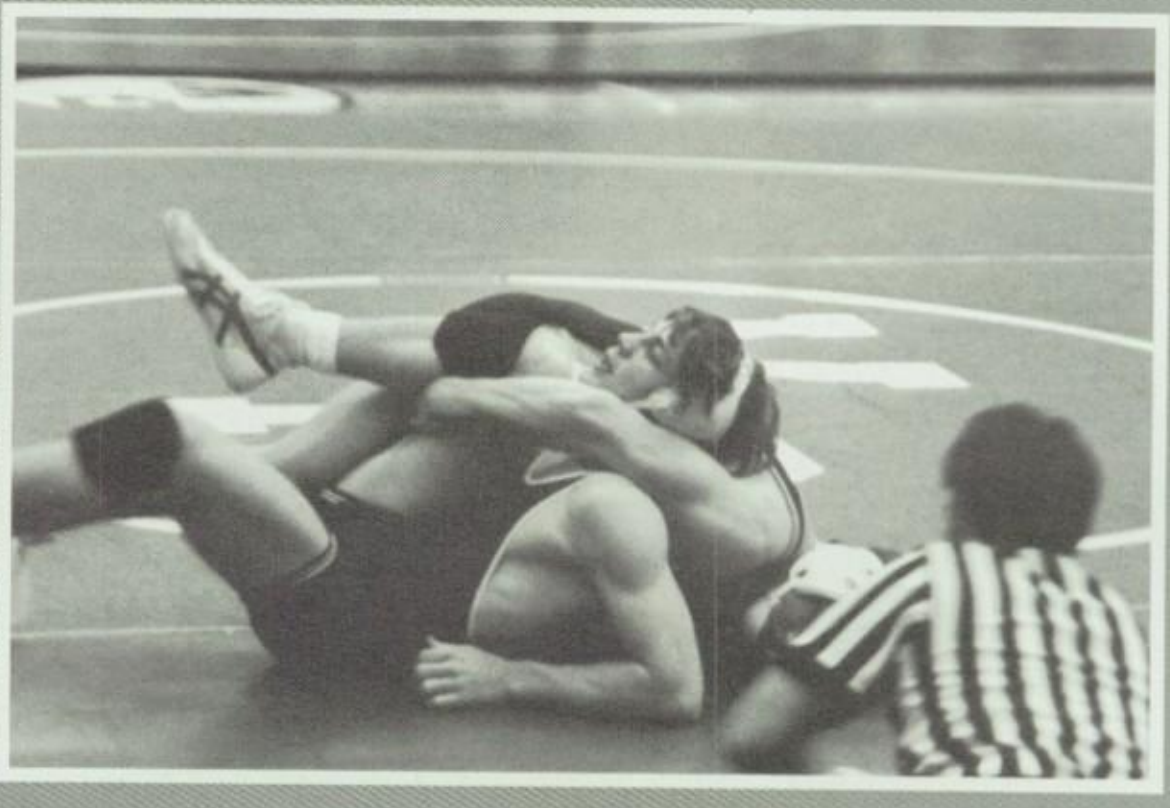












Armand Gruspe, Brian Johnson and John Hyatt relax before the match.

Brian Wilson and future Patriot

Philip Yin makes great strides.

 "Dis-cus fun?!"

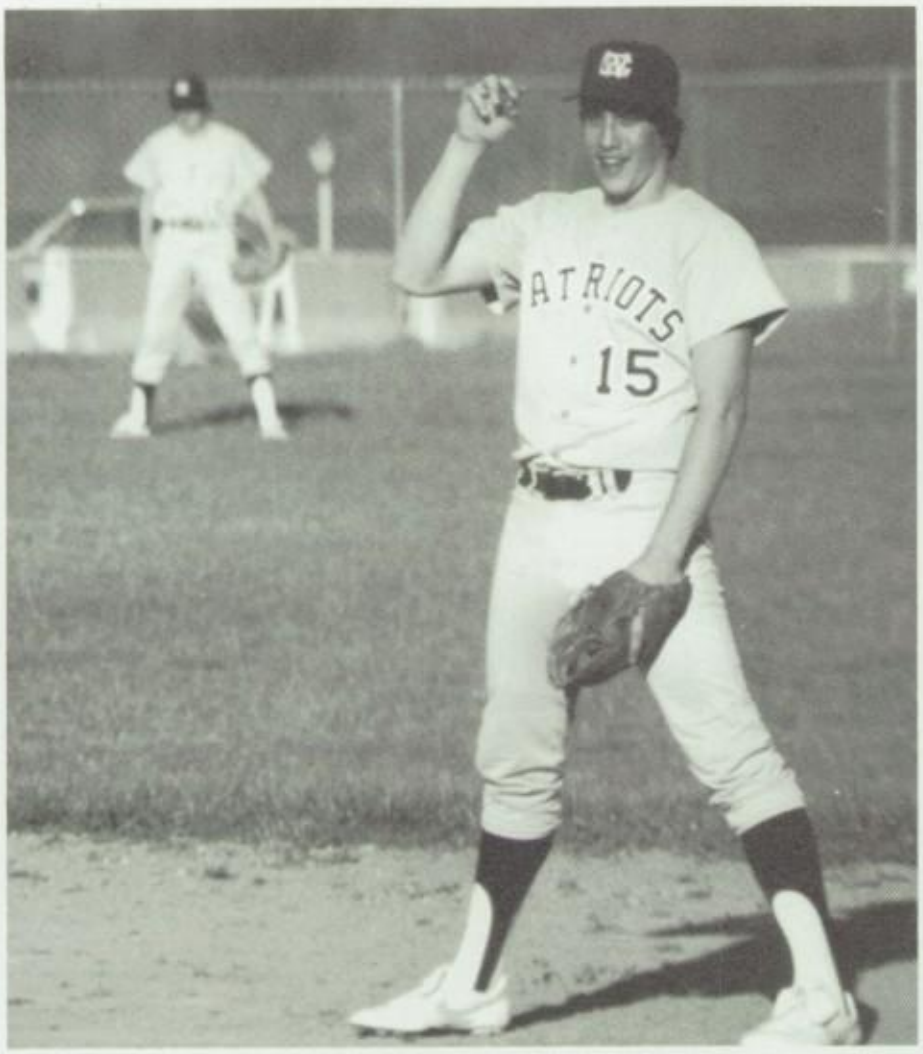
Track Team Treads the Turf

While many students went home after school, the girls and boys of the track team were hard at work improving their running abilities. From March 1st until deep into May, practice was held every day after school. They ranged from wind sprints or 200's for the sprinters to running the "loop" and intervals for the long distance runners. The result was a successful year for all of the athletes involved. Pizza Hut also profited from our track team, through the pizza splurges after several of the meets.

Team members include: Kirk Adams, Jon Akers, Brian Bartley, Pat Campbell, Robert Carte, Brad Cline, Joe Cupp, Jon Cupp, Kiran Devaraj, Keith Eisenmenger, Tom Godfroy, Jeff Hamm, Terry Henegar, Chris Hoffman, Rodney Hudson, Henry Higgins, John Hyatt, Robert Jordan, Thad Keener, Perry McGhee, Jason Moore, Rob Nottingham, Chuck Rabel, Tom Rabel, Mike Ray, Britt Secercek, Scott, Shaffer, Gary Tanguilig, David Tweel, Basil White, Brian Wilson, Phillip Yin Managers: Kristy Glasser and Amy Wells Coaches: Steve Brown, Harold Moore, Tony Jackson, Kim Barber, Christle Charlton, Kim Duncan, Jenee Gregory, Ann Hall, Carrie Hill, Cecelia Hoffman, Gala Mathews, Jennifer McCain, Lynn Parrish, Elizabeth Roles, Kirsten Sims, Anne Wilhoit, Mary Beth Williamson Managers: Teresa Kirk and Jeanine Morris Coaches: Steve Huffman and Steve Hindle.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

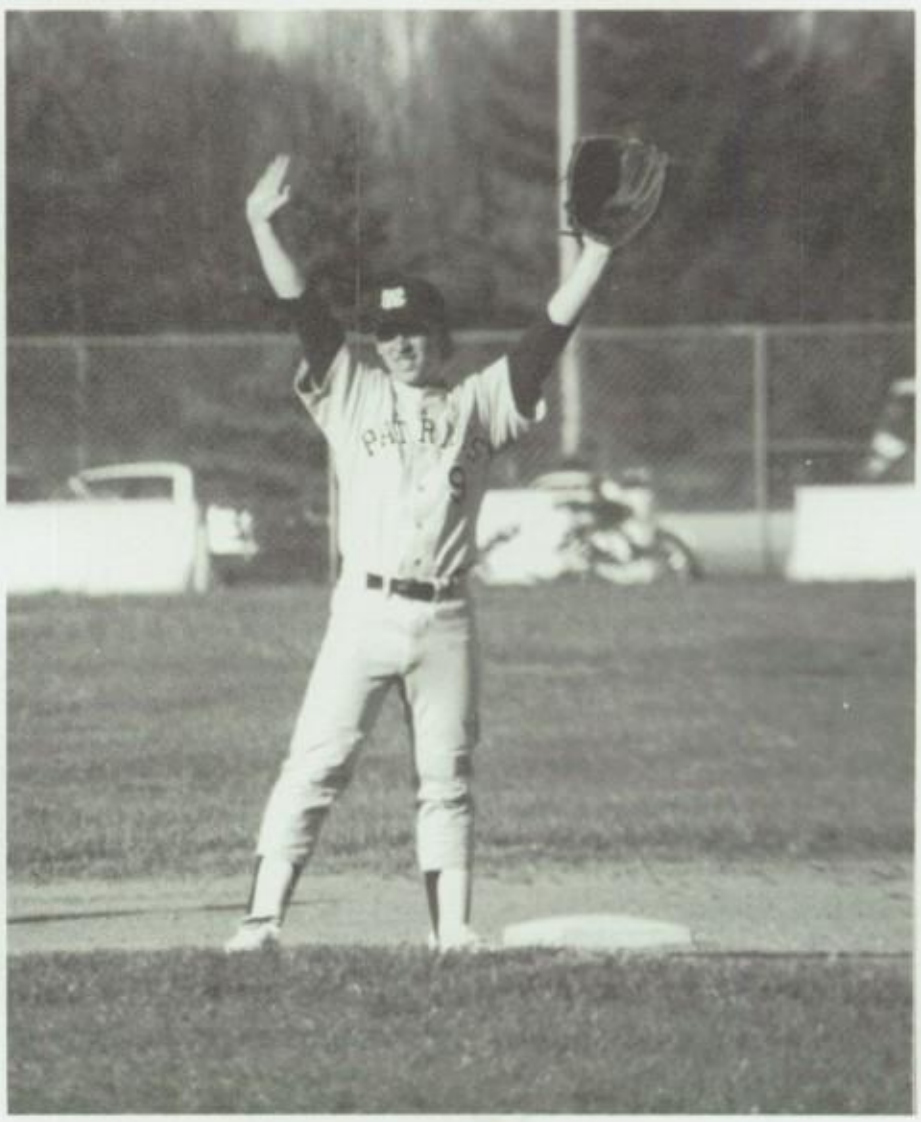
A GW batter swings at a pitch.



Keith Graley gives signals to the catcher.

Chuck Butcher gets advice from Coach White.

Tim Humphrey hurls the pitch.



Mike Chapman takes his arms for attention.

Tennis Season is a Smash!

The girls' team had yet another successful season losing only one regular season match, winning one individual state championship, and getting to the semi-finals of team competition in the state tournament. The team, consisting of Jill Daly, Catherine Grimm, Sunita Verma, Emily King, Minnie Saluja, Christie Price, Diona Pauig, Hilary Toma, Mona Rhee, Antoinette McMillan, and Maria Majestro, with Coach Shirley Lane, have dominated their opponents continually throughout the season. Playing all of the area high school teams plus others from Huntington, Beckley, and Princeton, the girls triumphed. However, their only defeats came from Parkersburg High in both regular season and after-season play. The girls hope to avenge these losses next year to win the state title.

Jill Daly, the number one player on the team, captured the individual championship becoming the number one player in the state by defeating Jo Marie Cinco of Charleston Catholic in an all-Kanawha County final. Christie Price, the team's number six player, was the runner-up in her division. In team competition, the girls made it to the semi-finals of the state tournament with wins over Charleston Catholic in the Regional Playoffs and Woodrow Wilson of Beckley in the Area Playoffs. They lost, unfortunately, to Parkersburg (2-7) in the semifinals. However, the girls experienced a small taste of revenge when GW's boys' team defeated Parkersburg (5-4) in the semifinals to eventually win the state championship.

The boys' team broke Parkersburg's strong of 10 consecutive state championships. The regular season record was 12-1, the only loss coming to Parkersburg.

The new head coach, George Zaharis played college tennis at the University of Hawaii.

The top six seeds were Ken Holsclaw, George Abatjoglou, Tom Hawker, Bryan Strickland, Les O'Conner, and Greg Samples. Strickland was the only senior and Abatjoglou the only sophomore.

The team's first challenge came from Huntington High. We barely won by a score of 5-4. The next match, we faced Woodrow Wilson and squeaked by with a score of 5-4. Then came Charleston Catholic, the preseason pick to be our toughest competition in the area. They were outplayed 7-2. Parkersburg Catholic was the next victim. They too were beaten 5-4. Charleston High gave us a mid-season scare with a tough 5-4 match. The toughest regular season match came against the Parkersburg Big Reds. The decisive match was the second doubles team who lost 9-8 in an exciting tiebreaker. This concluded the regular season and tournament time was upon us.

The first stage of the tournament was the individual regionals. The boys won seeds 2 through six. Ken Holsclaw lost a close 3-set match to Charleston Catholic's Billy Wymer. The next stage of the tournament was the team regionals played at the YMCA where Charleston Catholic was defeated 6-0, and Holsclaw got his revenge. In the area playoff, we defeated Princeton 5-1.

The final leg of our road to the state championship was in Parkersburg at the State Tournament. In the team semi-finals, we faced our arch-rival, Parkersburg High. Once again, we split the singles and it too, came down to Abatjoglou-Samples, playing 1st doubles. In a thrilling 3-set match, they pulled out a victory. We had defeated them 5-4. In the finals, we made easy work of South Charleston, 6-0. In the individual competition, Greg Samples, the 6th seed, won his division.

With the strong team of sophomores and juniors, GW can expect to place another strong bid for the state championship in 1987.

Les, Greg and George warm up.

Coach Lane gives her pep talk.

Catherine Grimm returns the serve.

Mrs. Lane and Mr. Zaharis

Hilary Toma, Jill Daly, Emily King, Sunita Verma, Christi Price, Raminder Saluja, Catherine Grimm and Mrs. Lane

Tom Hawker shows that Patriot Power.

George, Bryan, Tom, and Ken

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When you get to the bottom line it's people who make a school a success. All of us in some way have contributed to the changes of 1985-1986. Some were involved in sports while others made their marks at the many academic contests and competitions. We laughed and cried, succeeded and failed, yet we knew that our friends would always be there. We dedicate this book to friendship and that special Patriot Pride.

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